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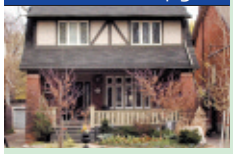

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On the hot seat

Rahim Jaffer denies doing drugs, lobbying politicians

Former Conservative MP Rahim Jaffer says he never lobbied the government on behalf of his company, never used his wife's parliamentary perks for business — and never used illegal drugs.

Rahim Jaffer

The one-time Tory up-and-comer wavered between defiance and shame yesterday before a Commons committee looking into his business dealings and accusations of improper lobbying. He bristled as he spoke of reputations being ruined "on the basis of rumour and unsubstantiated allegations for short-term political gain."

He choked up as he apologized to his family and his wife, Helena Guergis, who lost her cabinet job amid a swirl of allegations about Jaffer's business dealings.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper accepted Guergis' resignation from cabinet this month, suspended her from the Tory caucus and called in the RCMP to look into unspecified allegations involving her.

"She's the most important person in my life and I love her dearly and it is very unfortunate that her good name has been dragged into my problems so unfairly," Jaffer said.

He flatly denied lobbying the government. He said any conversations he had with ministers, MPs or senators after losing office never went beyond social chit-chat about his new career in business.

He said he hasn't talked to anyone in government since his arrest last September on drunk driving and cocaine charges. The charges were eventually dropped and he paid a $500 fine for careless driving.

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GG apologizes to Rwanda for genocide inaction

RWANDA Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean used a state visit to Rwanda to deliver an apology on behalf of Canada for its failure to act during that country's horrific genocide.

The apology yesterday was met with profound gratitude by Rwanda's foreign affairs minister and a quick clarification from the Prime Minister's Office that played down any suggestion that the gesture was laden with fresh historical significance.

Jean — the first top-level Canadian official to visit Rwanda since the 100-day atrocity claimed an estimated 800,000 lives — made the statement during a meeting with President Paul Kagame.

"The world's failure to respond adequately to the genocide is a failure in which Canada — as part of the international community — readily acknowledges its fair share of responsibility," she read in a prepared text. "It is with a sense of utmost humility that I express the respects of Canada to all Rwandans who perished, suffered and who continue to suffer measurable loss in the Rwandan genocide." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ericsson buys part of Nortel

Another piece of the former Nortel Networks empire has been sold, with the Canadian company's interest in a Korean operation going to LM Ericsson for $242 million US. Nortel announced the sale of its 50 per cent plus one share interest in LG-Nortel Co.Ltd, the company's joint Korean venture with LG Electronics Inc., late Tuesday.

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Judge receives guilty verdict

Convicted of breaching trust and bribery by offering to approve refugee claim in exchange for sex

An immigration judge has been found guilty of offering to approve a refugee claimant's application in exchange for sex.

Steve Ellis, 50, had pleaded not guilty to breach of trust and an Immigration and Refugee Protection Act charge of bribery, but was convicted on both counts yesterday.

Ellis was the adjudicator at Ji Hye Kim's refugee hearing in 2006.

A Toronto court heard the woman interpreted comments Ellis made as him proposing a physical relationship, which made her uncomfortable.

Ji Hye Kim

After he twice visited her at a restaurant where she worked, Kim — then 25 years old — and her boyfriend Brad Trip planned to secretly videotape her third meeting with Ellis.

"She's been very strong. Imagine leaving your home country, coming to Canada and being faced with this."
Brad Trip, Kim's husband

Outside the courtroom with Trip, who is now her husband, Kim said she was relieved.

"I'm very happy with the results," she said. Trip said he was proud of his wife.

"She's been very strong," he said. "Imagine leaving your home country, coming to Canada and being faced with this."

Crown prosecutor Linda Trefler said the decision was another lesson that no one is above the law.

"This is just an example of the law being applied equally to everyone regardless of his or her position," said Trefler.

Ellis walked out of the courtroom with his lawyer looking upset. His lawyer said they're both disappointed with the results.

"We'll be looking at it and considering our options," said defence lawyer John Rosen.

Kim, now a landed immigrant, was seeking asylum in Canada because of a physically abusive father and threats from money lenders in South Korea.

Ellis was suspended from his job after the charges were laid. The former Toronto city councillor and non-practising lawyer was appointed to the Immigration and Refugee Board in 2000.

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Disgraced immigration judge, Steve Ellis, leaves the courthouse at 361 University with his lawyer John Rosen, front, after he was handed a guilty verdict by the Supreme Court.

Earth Day breeds enthusiasm in the GTA

EARTH DAY: APRIL 22
Go Green

CELEBRATION The CN Tower will get into the act as the city celebrates Earth Day with a variety of activities including a tree planting and dancing.

Classes will be held outdoors Thursday morning as hundreds of Downsview Secondary School students plant seeds and learn about their ecological footprint.

"Everyone's been really enthusiastic about this," said Lisa Prinn, faculty leader of the school's environmental club, We Green. "I think there's just more awareness of the environment with younger people now.

"They realize things have to change and they have to be more innovative with what they do and how they live."

Local non-profit environmental organizations are setting up information booths over lunch, as the students sell green shirts and buttons.

Community volunteers are also invited to join the Black Creek Conservation Project at Chalkfarm Park at noon, as more than 500 native trees and shrubs will be planted along the banks.

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Events

Other Earth Day events going on across the province are listed on the Earth Day Canada website, including:

- A 30-minute downtown neighbourhood cleanup led by the Green Party of Ontario. Participants will meet in Grange Park at 2 p.m.
- An environmental networking event organized by Green Drinks Toronto and ECOVERT at the CN Tower which will be lit with green LED lights. The event starts at 7:30 p.m. and costs $25.
- SunFunk 2010: An evening of music, comedy, art and dance in celebration of Earth Day at Clinton's tavern on Bloor St. W. The show starts at 8 p.m., $10 at the door.

News in brief

ROAD TOLL POLL A Toronto Star-Angus Reid poll last week showed only 31 per cent of Greater Toronto residents supported road tolls along the Don Valley Parkway and Gardiner Expressway. When respondents were asked a follow-up question, about whether tolls would be acceptable if the money went to improving transit, those firmly against tolls didn't change their minds. The online poll, conducted between April 8 and April 12, surveyed 1,345 people, including residents of Toronto and the surrounding regions. The margin of error is plus or minus 2.7 per cent, 19 times out of 20.

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What's your number?

Local man to be recognized at international meeting

Toronto business owner Bruce Mahony will be recognized for outstanding business performance this week at the Home Instead Senior Care annual international meeting in Omaha, Neb. Home Instead Senior Care provides non-medical home care and companionship to older adults with offices worldwide, including Toronto. METRO NEWS SERVICES

No sex-ed exemptions: Premier

McGuinty says Catholic schools must teach new curriculum

Ontario's Catholic schools can't opt out of a revamped sex-ed curriculum even if it goes against their religious beliefs to teach kids about masturbation and homosexuality, Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday.

Several conservative and religious groups claim the changes coming this fall will corrupt young minds with "explicit" topics like anal sex. But Ontario's Catholic premier made it clear that all public schools must teach the lessons that will start as early as age six.

"They're part of the publicly-funded school system here in Ontario and this is part of our curriculum," McGuinty said.

"If parents are uncomfortable with certain aspects of this new curriculum, they can and they are free to withdraw their children from the classroom."

The first changes to Ontario's curriculum in a dozen years will see students learning about masturbation in Grade 6 and oral and anal sex at age 12.

Opponents who are mounting a campaign to get rid of the program have described the curriculum as "evil" and "bordering on criminal." They say teaching eight-year-olds about gender identity and same-sex marriage is inappropriate and should be left up to parents.

But McGuinty — whose wife is a Catholic school teacher — said it's a responsible way to teach kids about sex in an age where it's easy to access information, whether it's from friends or the Internet.

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Endorsement

- Education Minister Leona Dombrowsky, a former Catholic school board trustee, noted that Ontario's Catholic bishops have endorsed the changes. She wouldn't say whether schools will lose funding if they refuse to teach the new lessons.

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Premier Dalton McGuinty, shown in this January file photo, says Ontario's Catholic schools will have to teach a revamped sex-ed curriculum that's drawn fire from conservative groups.

Cops seek 3 men in sexual assault near York U

SEARCH A 20-year-old woman is recovering in hospital after suffering what police describe as a "severe sexual assault" near the York University campus.

Police say they are searching for three men who are believed to have been involved in the attack. The young woman was approached by three men she didn't know as she entered her residence late Tuesday night.

Police say the suspects — who were all wearing hoodies — threatened her, took her to a secluded, grassy area and sexually assaulted her. The woman suffered "very serious" injuries during the attack.

The residence is not officially affiliated with the university and it is not known if the woman was a student. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Front Street **Bubblin' up**

DAVID COOPER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Front Street East at George Street was closed yesterday due to a water main break beneath the intersection. A city worker inspects the flow of water up through a hole in the road surface.

Online shopping bulks up

DEALS Consumers are turning to the Internet to find better deals by buying in big numbers.

A slew of websites have sprouted up in recent months to take the work out of organizing a group buy and typically offer deals of around 50 per cent off purchases — provided that a specified number of users agree to buy.

Toronto-based Mike Weatherup, who organized a group buy of 15 high-end TVs, ended up getting a deal of almost 30 per cent off.

He originally thought the $6,000 TV was out of his budget. But he was inspired to bargain with a few local shops after reading about other successful group buys online.

"The dealer was happy to get new clients and they were able to sell other products as well."

While it was a bit stressful waiting for others to commit, Weatherup said it wasn't too much of a hassle since each buyer was allowed to pay separately and on their own schedule.

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Group buy

- Restaurant gift certificates and spa packages are among the most common offers at sites like Groupon, StealThe Deal, TeamBuy, TeamSave, WagJag and Webpiggy. Most sites focus on Toronto.

Medical waits differ for illness, gender: Report

HEALTH A new report suggests men may move through the medical system faster than women when they need to see a specialist.

The Statistics Canada report says wait times to see a specialist vary depending on the severity of the illness, though nearly half of people see one within a month of getting a referral.

But where 51 per cent of men see a specialist within a month, only 42 per cent of women have their first specialist appointment within that time frame.

The report says it's not clear whether this is the result of gender bias or whether men wait longer to get help for a medical condition and therefore move through the system quicker because they are at greater need.

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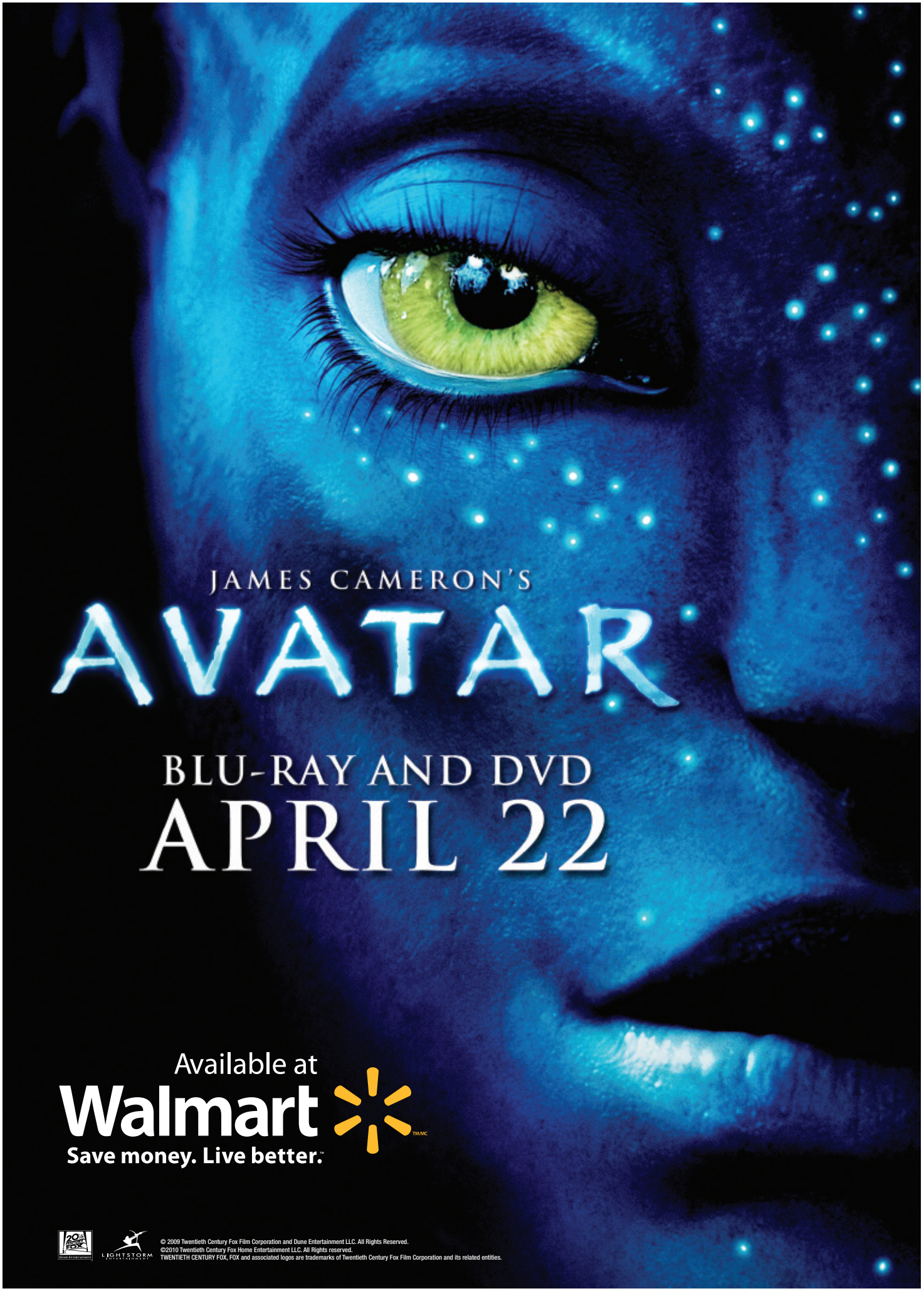

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York police chief calling it quits

York Regional Police Chief Armand La Barge is calling it a career. La Barge, who's been at the helm of "the York's" for seven years, says he has no job plans and is ready to take things as they come. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Awareness **Do a little dance**

JOHN R. KENNEDY/FOR METRO TORONTO

Mayor David Miller feels the beat while dancing with a heart mascot in Yonge-Dundas Square yesterday afternoon during an event to promote National Organ and Tissue Awareness Week in Ontario.

TTC getting more accolades

Compliments on track to double this year despite controversy

Blonde Dragons, sleeping collectors and angry town halls aside, it seems 2010 isn't going to be all bad for the TTC.

Compared with last year, the number of compliments received by the customer service department is on track to double.

Since January, the TTC has had 1,063 calls, letters, or tweets offering kudos from riders. In all of 2009, the service received 2,088. At this rate, the troubled transit system will receive well over 4,000 by year's end.

A sample of those compliments released to the Toronto Star showcases the caring, even quirky, side of many frontline TTC workers.

"This driver, having such a positive attitude, made everyone on the bus laugh and it made my morning."

Excerpt from a rider compliment

"The driver came over the speaker and announced that we were arriving at Kennedy, what the temperature outside was, thanked us for taking the TTC and also, jokingly, informed us that breakfast would be served in 15 minutes ... This driver, having such a positive attitude, made everyone on the bus laugh and it made my morning," wrote one individual.

Another rider wrote: "I was running to the corner of Finch and Edithvale and I thought I missed the bus. Your bus driver actually waited until I crossed the street before riding off so I could catch the bus. I am a 66-year-old woman who really appreciated this."

On Monday, the TTC released hundreds of complaint letters to the Star through a freedom of information request. About 30,000 are received every year, including phone calls. Among the grievances, riders complained about a driver who wouldn't move because a baby was crying on board, collectors berating customers, and one nasty streetcar driver that a rider nicknamed the Blonde Dragon.

TTC spokesperson Brad Ross said that, by and large, those complaints represent a few bad apples.

As for why compliments are up, Ross has a theory.

"I think people read and hear media reports that have been very critical of the TTC and its employees. We hear, routinely, that those stories aren't completely reflective of the TTC they know," he said.

"And, I suppose, riders want to let us know that we are still one of the best transit systems in the world and have their support." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Aboriginal leaders prepare for battle over HST plans

DISPUTE Ontario aboriginal leaders are girding for battle with the federal and provincial governments over their controversial tax harmonization plans.

Frustrated First Nations groups are planning a protest at the Ontario legislature Tuesday in their escalating fight over the HST, which will rob them of a point-of-sale exemption on the provincial portion of the merged tax.

A new report commissioned by the Chiefs of Ontario suggests that will cost First Nations between $85 million to $120 million in the first year of the HST and will increase each year.

Merging the GST with the provincial sales tax starting July 1 will punish many communities that are already living in poverty, said Ontario Regional Chief Angus Toulouse.

Just as when the GST was introduced, First Nations weren't consulted before the governments pushed through the tax changes — an "assault" on their treaty rights — and Finance Minister Jim Flaherty has refused to meet with them, Toulouse added.

Aboriginal groups have threatened to fight the HST through any means possible unless they're allowed to retain their point-of-sale exemption on purchases that are made outside reserves.

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News in brief

DEATH One man has died following an apartment fire in Toronto — one of three fire calls in the city on Tuesday night. The unidentified man was found without vital signs in a four-floor residence in an eight-storey building in the west end (near South Kingsway and the Queensway). The man, believed to be 30 to 40 years of age, is Toronto's 10th fire death of the year.

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Facebook offers personalization on broader web

INNOVATION Facebook is spreading its wings to the broader web with new tools that will allow users to see personalized versions of websites they visit elsewhere.

The move could change the way people experience the online world, though it could come with deeper privacy implications. By accessing Facebook's tools, websites will be able to customize the experience based on the list of friends, favourite bands and other things users have shared on their Facebook profiles.

"The web is at a really important turning point now," Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg said at a conference for web and software developers in San Francisco. "Most things aren't social and they don't use your real identity. This is really starting to change."

Facebook has sometimes transported people's real identities beyond its own service. Facebook Connect, which was announced last year, lets people use their Facebook log-ins to sign in to other websites, without needing a separate account.

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Facebook is widening its reach with tools that allow users to tailor the web to their own tastes.

Mark Zuckerberg

The latest changes take this a step further. It means Facebook users will be able to see a web tailored to them based on their interests and social connections, as long as they are already logged in to Facebook.

So when visiting a news site for the first time, they could see which of their Facebook friends liked recent articles. A music site such as Pandora, meanwhile, could start playing music from the user's favourite bands.

Users will also be able to share items on their Facebook profiles without leaving the other websites, simply by clicking "like" buttons next to the news article or other items they are reading.

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City panel votes for University Avenue bike lanes — now it's up to council

The controversial test of median-hugging bike lanes on busy University Avenue is a step closer to reality after the city works committee voted in favour of it Tuesday. The committee is recommending that city council, at its May 11-12 meeting, approve installing the lanes from July to September. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Metropass, and a lakeside view

"Nice condo. And I particularly like the built-in ... Metropass."

Comments like this may become common now that free public transit has been added to the granite counters and stainless-steel appliances on the list of amenities attracting buyers to Toronto's hot condo market.

Under a new city policy, condo developers will have to include a year's supply of Metropasses in each new unit they sell.

"This is the carrot that will get people onto public transit," said Coun. Howard Moscoe, a former TTC chair, who introduced the policy approved by council in November.

But just like spa tubs and lakeside views, the cost of the passes will be reflected in the price of the condo, developers say.

The rule will apply to development applications made after April 28 on buildings with at least 20 units in the downtown and central waterfront areas.

The areas also include city centres in Scarborough, North York and Etobicoke, and avenues defined by the official plan, including the arteries slated for the Transit City light rail plan.

"These units are in strategic locations; these are not condos in the middle of nowhere," said Rod McPhail, Toronto's director of transportation planning, urban development services.

The designated areas already have good transit access and officials belive many of the avenues are ripe for transit-oriented development.

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Police arrest a man Tuesday after a gun was pulled during a pot rally in Yonge-Dundas Square.

Man facing 13 charges

PROTEST Toronto police have charged a man with 13 offences after a handgun was spotted at a pro-marijuana rally.

Police arrested the suspect and later confirmed the weapon was a real gun but was not loaded.

There were some reports of minor injuries after people ran from the scene at Yonge-Dundas Square — where advocates of marijuana use had gathered to call for its legalization and many smoked the substance openly.

The mood turned frantic when a member of one group of young men brandished what appeared to be a handgun.

People knocked down the man who had brandished the weapon and made a citizen's arrest.

Donovan Wynne, 33, of Toronto, faces 13 criminal charges, including unauthorized possession of a firearm, pointing a firearm, carrying a concealed weapon and threatening death.

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Financial body acts to help migrants

ACCOUNTING The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants says it will propose changes that will help immigrants at a public hearing on an Ontario bill today.

Bill 158, the Accounting Professions Act, was tabled in the legislature by the Ontario government with a view to modernizing the accounting profession in Ontario.

CIMA says it supports parts of the bill that safeguard consumer protection.

But it opposes a clause that it says places internationally qualified professional accountants at a disadvantage when they immigrate here.

CIMA says the clause will be an employment barrier because it proposes a ban on the use of foreign professional designations on documents, including resumés and business cards. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Tactics questioned

Old threats resurface in battle with pharmacists

A new report about seemingly years old death threats against a bureaucrat leading Ontario's drug system overhaul had critics questioning government tactics yesterday in the escalating war with pharmacists.

Helen Stevenson, the assistant deputy minister of health, reportedly has a panic button on her desk and has been moved to a secure setting after receiving angry letters, emails and calls. The majority of those threats appear to date back to 2006, which left the Conservatives and New Democrats asking why they've come to light now.

"This is old news that is being brought forward right now to make the pharmacists look bad at a time when the issue is escalating to the point where we don't know where this is going to end," said New Democrat France Gelinas.

"I can't imagine who can win out of this. I really don't know what (the government) is doing."

RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Helen Stevenson

The government has been fighting with pharmacists since announcing two weeks ago that it planned to eliminate so-called professional allowances — fees paid to pharmacists by generic drug companies to stock their product. It's a move they claim will cut the price of generic drugs by at least 50 per cent, knocking millions off the cost to the province's public drug plan for seniors and others.

Pharmacists argue the changes could drive smaller pharmacies out of business and force others to cut hours and reduce services.

Dean Miller of the Ontario Pharmacists' Association said the issue of threats against Stevenson first came up about five years ago.

"I haven't heard much other than Ms. Stevenson talk about it since then," Miller said.

"Who knows if it's even a pharmacist. We're an honourable profession. I would go out on a limb and say that it would be very uncharacteristic for a pharmacist to ever take that sort of action."

A newspaper report said the threats against Stevenson date back to 2006, when changes to the drug program were first proposed.

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Ottawa rejects IMF bank tax

Flavour of G8, G20 summits starting to take shape

The true flavour of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's first major summit is starting to emerge.

The G8 and G20 meetings in the Toronto area this June will be tightly scripted, focused and dismissive of new directions — if Ottawa's reaction to the global banking tax is a sign, analysts say.

"The Canadian government has an agenda and it's sticking to it," said Andrew Cooper, associate director of the Centre for International Governance and Innovation, based in Waterloo.

"Very disciplined, very constrained."

Yesterday, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty once again flatly refused to co-operate with any notion of taxing banks, even though the latest overture has come from the International Monetary Fund itself.

The IMF was tasked by the G20 to analyze ways to make financial institutions pay for their own bailouts and rescue packages.

Its interim report, presented to finance ministers this week, recommended at least one tax, and possibly two. The first would target all financial institutions, while the second tax would target bank profits and pay.

All G20 countries should join in, so that banks compete on a level playing field, the IMF recommended.

But while Ottawa supported the process to ask for the IMF study, the government is rejecting the results — in stronger language than ever.

"We believe that Canadian taxpayers should not bear the costs of bailouts of financial institutions in other countries," Flaherty told a Toronto financial conference, a day before heading to Washington to make the same argument to his international colleagues.

Flaherty said such taxes create an incentive for banks to behave recklessly, since they know they will be bailed out if worse comes to worst.

"Let me make that even clearer," he said.

"Canada will not go down the path of excessive, arbitrary or punitive regulation of its financial sector."

Jim Flaherty

"We believe that Canadian taxpayers should not bear the costs of bailouts of financial institutions in other countries."
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A Toronto Public Health nurse loads syringes with H1N1 vaccine as public officials prepared for H1N1 flu shots last November.

H1N1: How'd we do?

Judging the world's response to the H1N1 pandemic requires a special perspective — looking at the past through eyes that aren't clouded by the present, suggests the man leading an international review of the global pandemic response.

Flu Outbreak

Dr. Harvey Fineberg, chair of the World Health Organization's pandemic review committee, says critiquing decisions made last year based on what is now known about the H1N1 virus won't uncover the lessons the world needs to learn.

"You have to look at each decision from the vantage point of what was understood and known at that time. You still may be very critical, or you may be laudatory or you may be somewhere in between. But it's certainly inappropriate to look at it from a vantage point after the fact."

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Organ donors face changes

Nova Scotia is seeking public input on proposed changes to legislation governing organ and tissue donations. Health Minister Maureen MacDonald says new legislation will help more of the province's 500,000 registered donors have their wishes honoured. At present, donations may not happen if there is strong opposition from the family. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tory aide quits over 'beat Iggy' blooper

GUNS Brant Scott, an aide to Tory MP Garry Breitkreuz, has taken the fall for issuing a news release that urged Liberals to beat their leader "black and blue."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says the aide has resigned.

Breitkreuz has said he didn't write the release, which extensively quoted him denouncing Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff and the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police for supporting retention of the controversial long-gun registry. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Television shows and movies in 3-D bring the screen to life. But now TV maker Samsung is warning viewers to use eye sense.

Eyes on the blink? Blame 3-D

Is 3-D television good for you?

A TV maker is warning parents and pregnant women to think twice about allowing the three-dimensional small screen into their living rooms.

Samsung Electronics Canada admits the company has only now started to study the long-term effects of watching 3-D television using its "active" glasses — which shutter on and off.

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Samsung warning

Samsung urges parents to watch their children for lightheadedness, eye or muscle twitching, cramps and nausea.

The company issued a 3-D warning several weeks ago and Gumiela says it was done "to make sure we're doing our due diligence."

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Crown stays McHale charges

PROTEST The Crown stayed a charge yesterday against Gary McHale, who it still contends was attempting to incite civil disobedience at a protest against an aboriginal occupation in Caledonia.

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Man, 50, accused of hiding his HIV status from woman

An Edmonton male believed to have the HIV virus is accused of hiding his infection from a woman he had sex with. The RCMP say the 50-year-old was arrested and questioned after they received a complaint. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Missing woman's body found

HUNT Police have found the body of a missing 27-year-old Belleville, Ont. woman.

The body was recovered from the Moira River in the Cannifton area and identified as Deborah Rashotte, who was reported missing on Feb. 11.

A post-mortem examination in Toronto determined the cause of death as drowning.

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Torture papers cherry-picked?

Panel's lawyers accuse the Tories

Lawyers for a military hearing into prisoner hand-overs in Afghanistan accused the federal government yesterday of cherry-picking which documents it turns over.

The lead counsel for the Military Police Complaints Commission said there seems to be a "weaning-out of documents" released to the inquiry.

"What we appear to be receiving is a subset of a larger collection of documents," Ron Lunau said.

He added he is "very concerned … we're not necessarily seeing all of the documents" related to the detainee affair.

"We're not necessarily seeing all the documents"
Ron Lunau, counsel

Acting commission chair Glenn Stannard wasn't satisfied with the time it's taking the government to plow through the documents.

A Canadian general and a senior Foreign Affairs official have been summoned next week to explain the delays.

Lunau lamented the time it's taking.

"Look, we've been at this since — what? — June 2008, when the public hearing was announced," he said.

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NATO woos Afghan militias

POLICE NATO commanders in Kandahar are hoping to lure tribal militias into the Afghan National Police.

Canadian Brig.-Gen. Craig King would not name them but said: "There's a couple around … and we're in delicate stages, trying to build the force and bring them in," King said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ottawa **Grand chief speaks out**

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With a clenched fist raised in emphasis, Lucien Wabanonik, grand chief of the tribal council of the Algonquin Nation, delivers a speech after representatives of the Algonquin Anishinabeg marched in Ottawa yesterday. They are disputing property and land rights with the federal government.

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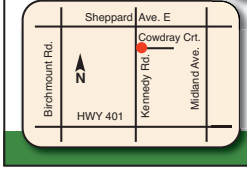

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Wildfire troubles in the wild rose province
Warm weather, lack of rain and below-average snowfall last winter have transformed parts of the Prairies into a potential powder keg. Sixty wildfires are burning in Alberta — four times the usual average for April — and 50 communities have already imposed fire bans. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lack of ice a boon for seal hunters

Pelts also selling for double vs. last year

A lack of ice that was thought to be a problem for seal hunters this year off Newfoundland is actually proving to be a boon for the few boats that have ventured out.

And the icing on the cake may be the price of pelts. At $25 a seal, they're double last year's offering — although still a far cry from the $100 they fetched a few years ago.

Seals have been concentrating on the smaller floes, making it easier for hunters to get to them, Frank Pinhorn of the Canadian Sealers Association said yesterday.

"This is perfect conditions for sealing because the ice is not packed together," he said.

"Whatever ice is there is just filled with seals."

He estimated that about 60,000 seals out of an allowable quota of 330,000 have already been taken, but hunters are expected to kill only another 12,000 animals before they're done in late May.

"This is perfect conditions for sealing because the ice is not packed together. Whatever ice is there is just filled with seals."
Frank Pinhorn, Canadian Sealers Association

"There are a number of boats that still want to go out to get the rest because each boat has an individual quota this year," he said.

"The outlook for crab and shrimp is real bleak this year so this is a real bonus for them to go out and make a portion of their income from sealing."

Forty-two large boats were working in the area known as the Front, between the Grey Islands and Newfoundland's northeast coast. Several smaller inshore boats were also participating.

Those who are hunting may be making a buck, but the mayor of St. Anthony, Ernest Simms, said the smaller hunt was having an impact on his town, a main supply and fuel base.

Simms said that in a normal year up to 100 boats would be in the harbour, not the handful he's seeing this spring.

"We haven't really come out of anything yet since the collapse of the cod fishery. There's no crab fishery. There's no shrimp on the go."

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Quebec City **Standing up for himself**

JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Former Quebec justice minister Marc Bellemare is asking a court to quash his subpoena to appear before the province's chief electoral officer. Bellemare sparked a political crisis for Premier Jean Charest, above, last week by alleging he was pressured by Liberal fundraisers to make certain judicial appointments while he was justice minister in 2003 and 2004. Charest was forced to call a public inquiry into Bellemare's claims of political meddling in the judicial process.

Charges against RCMP dropped

B.C. The mother of a young B.C. man shot in the back of the head while in police custody has dropped a civil lawsuit against the RCMP.

Ian Bush, 22, was killed nearly five years ago in the police lockup in Houston, B.C., after being arrested for having an open beer in public and then giving an officer a false name. Bush and Const. Paul Koester scuffled while they were alone inside the detachment where Bush was shot, but Koester said he acted in self-defence. A coroner's inquest, an RCMP review and an additional inquiry cleared Koester of wrongdoing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

DEATHS Chief Stewart Phillip of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs says the deaths of a Manitoba woman and a B.C. man who died waiting for answers to 911 calls were both preventable tragedies, and that Kerri Canepotatoe and Matthew Armstrong were the victims of an "outdated and inadequate" 911 system. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Military funeral for crash victim

A military funeral is planned for Clifford Mark Thompson who was killed last weekend after his pickup truck collided with a transport truck near Petrolia, Ont. The service is to be held tomorrow. The 25-year-old master corporal was scheduled to be deployed to Afghanistan this month. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada sets bad example?

Known internationally for wasting water: Researcher

Resource-rich Canadians have developed international reputations for soaking their lush lawns and washing their cars with potable water — in the rain.

In much more arid regions of the world, people without access to water have no choice but to defecate in the streets.

This is the divide painted yesterday by the president of a major European water research institute, a man who says Canada's wasteful ways have set a bad example for the increasingly parched planet.

Riccardo Petrella of the European Research Institute on Water Policy said Canada has long neglected its vast networks of rivers and countless lakes.

Canada boasts one fifth of the world's freshwater supply — including the water frozen in glaciers and ice caps — and seven per cent of the Earth's renewable supply.

"You are rich (in) polluted water," Petrella said after addressing a session on water at Montreal's Millennium Summit on international development.

"I wouldn't consider Canada amongst the good examples to follow in the world stage."

Petrella, founder of the International Committee for a World Water Contract, also fears Canada will cave to pressure from the United States and export its freshwater as a commodity.

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The Shell Albian Sands oilsands mine seen yesterday from an overlook near Fort McMurray, Alta.

Alberta invites Cameron to tour oilsands

ENVIRONMENT Hollywood director James Cameron has been invited to a personal screening of Alberta's oilsands operations.

Environment Minister Rob Renner says the Ontario-born driving force behind the 3D epic Avatar will learn the oilsands aren't a horror flick so much as a work in progress.

"We would welcome an opportunity for him to come visit us, talk to our experts and see for himself," Renner said in an interview yesterday.

"There are challenges associated with the development of any resource. I think what he needs to understand is the commitment we have to develop those resources in a responsible way."

Cameron — director of Tinseltown blockbusters Titanic, Avatar, Aliens and The Terminator — told The Canadian Press earlier this week that while he doesn't know much about Alberta's oilsands, he knows they are a "black eye" on Canada's image as an enviro-leader.

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Brother of teen killed by cops fights expulsion

MONTREAL The brother of a teenager killed by Montreal police will fight a deportation order kicking him out of Canada and sending him back to his native country of Honduras.

The Immigration and Refugee Board held a five-minute hearing yesterday and declared Dany Villanueva, 23, inadmissible to the country.

But Villanueva's lawyer immediately announced he will challenge the decision with the board's appeal division.

He also outlined plans to argue in a separate action in Federal Court his client's charter rights were violated and that the immigration board should have heard that argument.

The IRB commissioner hearing the case said it was beyond his jurisdiction to rule on a charter argument but said there was an unreasonable delay in bringing Villanueva's case before the board.

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Manitoba wants organized-crime list
The Manitoba government wants a permanent list of organized crime groups to make it easier to seize their assets and shut down drug and prostitution houses. Prosecutors currently have to persuade a judge that there are links to a street gang or criminal organization before taking such action. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Misconstrued', say Sikh leaders

Temple committee issues qualified apology over controversial comments

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Members of the Sikh community line the street during last year's Khalsa Day Parade in Surrey, B.C. Leaders of a British Columbia Sikh temple have issued an apology for comments they say were "misconstrued" as threats aimed at two politicians.

Leaders of a British Columbia Sikh temple have issued an apology for comments they say were "misconstrued" as threats aimed at two politicians who have been outspoken opponents of Sikh separatist violence.

The Gurdwara Dasmesh Darbar committee released an apology early yesterday morning saying there was no need for the comments made by Inderjit Bains, just prior to last weekend's annual Vaisakhi Parade in Surrey, B.C.

The emailed release said the committee "would like to apologize to the Canadian community for the misconstrued statements."

It did not refer directly to Liberal MP Ujjal Dosanjh or provincial Liberal MLA Dave Hayer, who were specifically mentioned by Bains in his April 15 comments to a Punjabi-language radio station.

"This is not an apology, I don't think," Dosanjh, told Vancouver radio station CKNW.

"I think it only behooves them to actually directly apologize to Dave Hayer and myself. You know, I'm not holding my breath for that to happen. It simply shows the character of these organizations."

Prior to the annual Sikh religious festival, Bains said on a radio talk show that Dosanjh and Hayer were not invited and should "bring their own security" if they planned to attend the parade.

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> Ujjal Dosanjh, MP

In the statement, temple officials said the comments "were not intended as threats, yet instead noted the incapacity of the organizing committee to provide special security for all officials."

The statement also said the "committee does not believe in excluding any individuals from any of its events, regardless of any political differences."

Bains was described in the interview as one of the organizers of the annual parade, organized by the temple.

Premier Gordon Campbell and others demanded an apology after the comments were made and, in the absence of one, Campbell did not make a planned appearance at the festival Saturday.

The parade is also under review by the City of Surrey because one of the floats carried pictures of Sikh "martyrs" for an independent Punjab state, including men involved in the assassination of Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi.

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Dishwasher can be dangerous

ADVISORY Health Canada is warning of a possible new danger lurking in the kitchen: The dishwasher.

It issued an advisory yesterday that there have been two separate reports of young children being injured while playing next to the dishwasher in the family kitchen.

A sharp metal edge at the bottom of the dishwasher door is the area of concern. In each case, the child had cuts to the foot and ankle that required stitches at a hospital emergency department.

The manufacturers of the appliances in question were notified about the incidents.

Health Canada, the Electrical Safety Authority and Underwriters Laboratories are urging people with dishwashers to be aware of the potential hazard, and they suggest that parents and caregivers not allow children to sit, stand, crawl, lie or play on or around a dishwasher.

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N.S. will offer coyote bounty

WILDLIFE Nova Scotia's natural resources minister is expected to announce a new bounty on coyotes today.

John MacDonell says the goal is to do something about the increasingly aggressive animals. The minister indicated the bounty will be offered only to Nova Scotia trappers.

The province has been under pressure to act since the mauling death last fall of a Toronto woman who was hiking in Cape Breton.

Since then, residents have reported several close calls with the wild animals.

MacDonell confirms the province will also offer an educational program to teach residents how to deal with coyote encounters. THE CANADIAN PRESS

B.C. man convicted in dragging death to be freed in June

CRIME The man who hit a suburban Vancouver gas station attendant with his car and dragged him nearly eight kilometres to his death will be out of prison in June.

Darnell Pratt was just 16 in March 2005 when he stole a few dollars' worth of gas and then ran down 24-year-old Grant De Patie with a stolen car in Maple Ridge, B.C.

The National Parole Board says Pratt will be eligible for statutory release in June after serving the majority of a nine-year manslaughter sentence that was later reduced to seven years on appeal.

De Patie's father, Grant, doubts the now-21-year-old man has accepted his guilt, although the Appeal Court emphasized Pratt's continued rehabilitation.

The parole board says it could decide to impose certain conditions on Pratt when he is released.

Lobbying by De Patie's parents led to Grants Law — provincial legislation that requires pre-payment for all gas purchases and provides better protection for employees working alone. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Woman jailed over air-rage incident

A woman has been sentenced to seven days in jail and ordered to pay $6,000 to Delta Airlines for causing a disturbance on an overseas flight that had to be diverted to Labrador. Irina Shevchenko, 49, was sentenced Tuesday in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, N.L., on a charge under the Aeronautics Act. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper in the House of Commons during question period in Ottawa yesterday. Harper's government has backtracked on funding abortion and contraception.

Advice from Norway

Maternal health plan revamped for G8

The Harper government turned to Norway to help salvage its showpiece G8 maternal and child health initiative after facing heavy criticism for apparently excluding family planning from the project.

The special adviser to Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg flew to Ottawa from New York earlier this week to brief the Conservative government on his country's efforts to reduce the deaths of pregnant women and young children in poor countries.

The Harper government was criticized heavily last month in the House of Commons and by development agencies for a series of conflicting statements that seemed to suggest it wouldn't fund any health project that put money toward family planning, particularly abortion.

The government later backtracked on excluding family planning, while sticking to one other key point — saying it didn't want to reopen the abortion debate. Canada took a further bashing when visiting U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton gave an impassioned defence of the right of poor women to plan a family and have an abortion if necessary, while she was attending the Gatineau, Que., G8 foreign ministers meeting.

Tore Godal, the special health adviser to Norway's leader, was effusive with praise for Canada's decision to showcase the issue at the G8, but he also stressed that family planning, including abortion, could not be stripped out of the strategy.

Canada called Norway last month to ask for a briefing, said Godal.

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N.B. opposition wants public input on energy

POLITICS New Brunswick Conservative Leader David Alward said yesterday that he'll seek public input before forming his party's platform on energy.

David Alward said he has already begun the process of determining a provincial energy policy.

He has appointed Pierre-Marcel Desjardins of the University of Moncton and Saint John lawyer Darrell Stephenson to launch a consultation process.

Alward said after the failed efforts by the province's Liberal government to sell NB Power to Hydro-Quebec, people have made it clear they want to be part of the decision-making process.

"One thing that has happened over the last few months is New Brunswickers said loud and clear they don't want the New Brunswick government doing things behind closed doors," he said.

For months, Alward has stated he had a plan for energy in the province, and that it started with opposing the Liberal plan to sell major assets of NB Power to Hydro-Quebec.

Social Development Minister Kelly Lamrock said he wants to know where Alward's plan is.

"On Jan. 26 he said his energy plan was ready, but he's never told us what that one is," Lamrock said.

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Murderer Colin Thatcher hands over book advance

LEGAL The Saskatchewan government says convicted killer Colin Thatcher has turned over money he made on a book he wrote about the murder of his former wife. Justice Minister Don Morgan says the province has been given a $5,000 advance the former cabinet minister received, as well as a copy of a letter instructing his publisher to direct any further payments to the government.

The province last year passed a law forbidding criminals from profiting from the retelling of their crimes. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Premier Darrell Dexter, left, and Grand Keptin Andrew Denny at the Nova Scotia legislature in Halifax yesterday. Plans have been made for celebrations to honour the 400th anniversary of the baptism of Grand Chief Henri Membertou, a Mi'kmaq shaman and prophet.

Patent dispute settled

Wi-LAN Inc., a technology licensing company based in Ottawa, says it has signed a final agreement to settle a patent infringement lawsuit filed against the company by Telus, Canada's second-largest telecom operator.

Financial terms of the settlement are confidential, the company said. The Telus lawsuit was filed in January and claimed ownership by the Vancouver company of several Wi-LAN patents linked to wireless communications.

"As part of this final settlement, Telus has sold any rights it may have had in the patents to Wi-LAN in exchange for a one-time payment," the Ottawa company said.

"Wi-LAN has no other future or ongoing payment obligations to Telus."

Wi-LAN, founded in 1992, has licensed its intellectual property to more than 220 companies around the world. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Quittin' time at the Alberta legislature

The 83 members of Alberta's Legislative Assembly have wrapped up the spring sitting that lasted just 30 days. The sitting included a provincial budget that poured money into health care and building projects, but at the cost of a record $4.7-billion deficit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

HIV rate on rise in Canadian jails: Report

Rates of HIV among inmates in federal prisons appear to be rising dramatically, suggests a report, prompting advocacy groups to call for sweeping changes to prevent further spread of the disease, both inside the institutions and in the community at large.

The 2007 survey by Correctional Service Canada found that an estimated 4.6 per cent of prisoners reported having HIV-AIDS, more than double the 1.6 per cent rate cited in an earlier report. That prevalence rate is 15 times higher than that found among the population as a whole.

Advocacy groups want Ottawa to implement needle-exchange programs for injection-drug-using prisoners to try to stop the spread of HIV and hepatitis C.

The Canadian HIV-AIDS Legal Network says about half of prisoners surveyed reported sharing used needles or syringes to inject drugs, which are smuggled into prisons by visitors and occasionally even by staff, said Ka Hon Chu, a senior policy analyst with the organization.

31 The Correctional Service Canada report also found the estimated rate of hepatitis C among federal prisoners was 31 per cent — 39 times greater than that found in the population as a whole.

She said drug-using prisoners have reported stealing syringes from medical services within their institutions and fashioning makeshift needles.

With no clean-needle program in place in any federal or provincial prison or jail in Canada, it is not unusual for "filthy" needles to be shared among 30 or 40 inmates, said HIV specialist Dr. Peter Ford, a former professor at Queen's University. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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U.S. regulator calls out CN

TRANSPORTATION Canadian National Railway could be understating by a hundredfold the delays its trains create on a Chicago-area rail line that's been a source of tension between the company and dozens of suburbs, U.S. federal regulators said yesterday.

The U.S. Surface Transportation Board called on Montreal-based CN to explain why it reported a mere 14 train blockages of road crossings of 10 minutes or more in November and December when consultants brought in by the regulator found more than 1,400.

Rules

- In approving the sale, U.S. Surface Transportation Board required CN to take measures to ease disruptions to communities along the line, including by installing soundproofing in some places.

Many of the nearly 30 communities along the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern Railway line that swings around Chicago to the west opposed its sale to CN two years ago, fearing an increase in the number of trains operating on the line would block streets and snarl car traffic.

Longtime CN critics expressed dismay at the apparent gap between the reported and actual delays.

The board, which requires that CN file regular reports on delays, asked the company to explain the discrepancies at an April 28 hearing in Washington, D.C. It also asked the consulting company that reported the higher figure, Omaha, Neb.-based HDR Inc., to appear.

CN said it intended to issue a statement later yesterday. HDR declined to comment.

CN argued when it was in the process of buying the EJ&E that its development of the line would dramatically improve the overall flow of freight trains in and around Chicago. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. helicopter crashes in Lake Huron
A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter crashed into southern Lake Huron Tuesday night just north of the Bluewater Bridge border crossing in Sarnia, Ont. The helicopter, from the Selfridge Michigan Air Base, was on a nighttime training mission when it went down with three crew members on board. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tally of missing women grows by 62

A new report has added 62 more names to a growing list of missing or murdered aboriginal women and girls.

The report by the Native Women's Association of Canada pegs the total at at least 582.

The report says the data is limited by the way information is collected — there's no national missing-persons database and police records don't always indicate aboriginal status.

The Sisters in Spirit initiative led the five-year project to document and report on cases of missing and murdered aboriginal women and girls.

Most of the missing were murdered

- The data is drawn from the last three decades, with 153 of the cases occurring between 2000 and 2008. Most of the women in the database were murdered; 115 are still missing.

The report found that aboriginal females are more likely to be killed by a stranger than non-aboriginal women.

It says many victims are targeted simply because they are aboriginal and their attackers assume they will not fight back or be missed.

"The over-representation of aboriginal women in Canada as victims of violence must be understood in the context of a colonial strategy that sought to dehumanize aboriginal women," the report says.

Nearly half of all murder cases involving First Nations, Metis and Inuit women and girls remain unsolved. The rate is dramatically different for cases where non-aboriginal women are murdered, where 84 per cent are cleared by charges or other means. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Drug past haunts MLA

DRUGS Saskatchewan's premier has confirmed that a controversial member of the legislature will not be running for re-election.

Premier Brad Wall says he learned Sunday night that Serge LeClerc will be leaving politics.

Wall has asked police to investigate an allegation that LeClerc used illegal drugs.

The accusation stems from a recording that the CBC was given of a telephone conversation in which a person said to be LeClerc talks about recent drug use.

Attorney General Don Morgan says had LeClerc not left caucus, the government would have asked him to.

Morgan says when there's an allegation of criminal wrongdoing, the person would have to be suspended "until the matter is resolved."

LeClerc has said in a statement that the comments about drug use were not made by him, that he has not used illegal drugs in decades and that he has volunteered to take a drug test.

He removed himself from the government caucus while he works to clear his name and will sit as an Independent in the legislature.

LeClerc, who represents Saskatoon Northwest for the Saskatchewan Party, is a former drug dealer and addict who spent 21 years behind bars, but was later pardoned after he turned his life around and began work as a motivational speaker and addictions counsellor.

He was pardoned in 2000. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

DEATH The body of a woman has been found in a home in London, Ont., and police say they are treating the death as suspicious. Police say two people were arrested at the scene, but they have not yet revealed a cause of death, or the names of anyone involved.

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Comment

Fantastic teachers never forgotten

You never forget your favourite teacher. I've had some great ones over the years.

Mrs. Metcalfe encouraged my creativity and allowed us to put on our own insane fifth-grade version of The Phantom Of The Opera. My middle school teacher, Miss Wilkinson, encouraged lively political debate and wept openly while reading us Sadako And The Thousand Paper Cranes. Mr. Chow's dry sense of humour made the multiplication of fractions tolerable. And John Lazarus and I stayed in email touch years after I took his playwriting course in university.

But it's my kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Williams, who will be my forever-favourite.

Mrs. Williams was kind, patient, fair, calm and much loved. She read us stories, taught us to count to 100 on an abacus and never once raised her voice.

I remember her gentle amusement whenever one of us would slip up and call her "mom." A few weeks ago, I was unexpectedly reunited with Mrs. Williams. She looked like a smaller and greyer version of her very same self. The rush of emotion I felt at seeing her again surprised me.

For my friend Neil Pasricha, blogger and author of the freshly launched feel-good tome The Book Of Awesome, it was his third-grade teacher who stood out above the rest.

"I was pretty much the shyest kid ever," Pasricha recalls.

Mrs. Dorsman encouraged Pasricha to read out loud to the class and had him solve math problems on the blackboard.

Having recently read an article on The Book Of Awesome in the Toronto Star, Stella Dorsman contacted the author to see if he was the same Neil Pasricha she taught at Sunset Heights Public School. You can read their correspondence at http://1000awesome-things.com (April 16 post).

Teaching is a difficult and often thankless job. If you've ever had a teacher who made a difference in your life, thank them. It will mean the world.

Sofi Papamarko is a 20-something writer based in Toronto. Her heroes include Desmond Morris and Nancy Sinatra.

Views

Learning the value of social networking

When the volcano with the unpronounceable name erupted in Iceland, I was cocooned in Oxford, England, attending the Skoll World Forum, an annual conference for social entrepreneurs.

I had no idea what a social entrepreneur was until I was asked to speak about social networking and its impact on the Middle East.

I learned that the inspiring men and women who had gathered at Oxford University applied entrepreneurial principles to solve social problems and help bring about change.

My contribution was to show how women in the Middle East used social networking sites to fight for their rights and to network, thereby building a virtual community, which translated into a community in the real world that offered support and solidarity.

And it was here in London where I became a "volcano refugee" who learned the value of social networking to my own life.

Through Facebook, I heard from friends all over the world, offering support to soothe the stress of not knowing when I could fly home again.

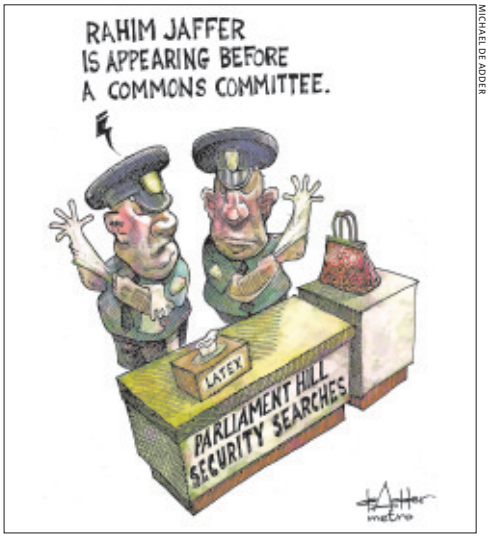
But this "volcano refugee" also remembered the value of old-fashioned networking, too, thanks to "real life" friends who took me in when my flight was cancelled.

Looking up and seeing no planes in the sky was a stark reminder of just how prehistoric it is to be stranded because of a volcano.

But being grounded was a chance, too, for some good old-fashioned rest and a sober reminder that if the uncertainty of being a "volcano refugee" was exhausting, then the trauma of being a refugee was almost impossible to assuage.

When we're forced to slow down, gratitude can come fast and easy.

Mona Eltahawy is an award-winning Egyptian-born commentator and public speaker on Arab and Muslim issues. She reported on the Middle East for 10 years before moving to the U.S.



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Six pirates captured after attack on French military ship

A French military spokesman says pirates mistakenly attacked a French warship off the coast of Somalia and six were captured. Col. Patrick Steiger said the attackers fired eight rounds from automatic weapons on La Somme, a 3,800-ton refuelling ship — but missed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

British candidate egged

U.K. Conservative Party Leader David Cameron, left, was hit with an egg yesterday during a campaign stop in southwest England. The politician laughed off the missile, which hit him on the shoulder as he left a college in the town of Saltash, saying it was the "first of the campaign." A youth in a grey hooded sweatshirt was caught on camera lobbing the egg and being led away by police. Police said a 16-year-old student was detained but then released. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Have money, will travel

Private jet operators see surge in business as wealthy look for flight options

For those with deep pockets, there was one way to beat the ash cloud hovering over Europe: hire a private jet.

Seizing their chance, operators — who had been suffering from a slump in demand due to the global economic crisis — tried to meet a surge in flight requests and make a bundle using their privileged access to the few airports that remained open.

Now that restrictions are slowly being lifted across the continent, the industry is banking on the backlog that passengers face on regular airlines to pick up travellers willing to pay almost any price to get home or make that crucial meeting.

And it's not just executives who've scrambled to the exclusive end of the aviation market. Athletes, opera singers and even holiday makers booked themselves onto private jets when all else failed.

"We've had calls from 6 a.m. to midnight," said Eymeric Segard, founder of Geneva-based LunaJets SA. "It's been absolutely hectic." The company saw a 50 per cent rise in demand during the airspace shutdown compared with the previous week, he said.

A one-way journey yesterday from London to Teterboro, New York, cost $33,400 US for the entire 15-seater jet, while 12 seats on the lesser-travelled route from Boston to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, could be had for $53,500.

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Who's flying the exclusive skies

- Among the discreet world of private aviation, no names have been mentioned. But those who had to resort to its services included Olympic champion Sammy Wanjiru, who said organizers of the London Marathon have arranged for a jet to fly him and two other Kenyan runners to Europe in time for Sunday's race. Eymeric Segard, founder of LunaJets SA, said his company flew an opera singer to Moscow, but declined to provide details.

Pain in the ash for militaries as well

SKIES When an Icelandic volcano erupted last week, it didn't just wreak havoc with commercial flights. It grounded American jet fighters and some of the most advanced air forces in the world.

Getting supplies to Afghanistan has also gotten more complicated, and troops have had to deal with mail not being delivered properly and low supplies at base stores.

Two U.S. military bases in southern Spain are seeing increases in stopovers by transport planes heading to or from Afghanistan because the planes can no longer stop over in Germany for refuelling or maintenance.

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Britain **Home at last**

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Passenger Chris, his wife Val and their daughter Mia, 4, arrive yesterday at Manchester Airport in England from Cuba.

$2B in losses and counting, and volcano remains active

EYJAFJALLAJOKULL Airlines toted up losses topping $2 billion US and struggled to get hundreds of thousands of travellers back home yesterday after a week of crippled air travel, as questions and recriminations erupted over Europe's chaotic response to the volcanic ash cloud.

Civil aviation authorities defended their decisions to ground fleets and close the skies — and later to reopen them — against heated charges by airline chiefs that the decisions were based on flawed data or unsubstantiated fears. The aviation crisis sparked by a volcanic eruption in Iceland left millions in flightless limbo, created debilitating losses for airlines and other industries and even threatened Europe's economic recovery. An aviation group called the financial fallout worse than the three-day worldwide shutdown after the 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States.

The air space over most of Europe opened yesterday after the vast, invisible ash-laden cloud dispersed to levels deemed safe. Restrictions remained over parts of Britain, Ireland, France and the Scandinavian countries.

In Iceland, the volcano under the Eyjafjallajokull glacier remained active yesterday — throwing magma chunks the size of cars into the air, bubbling lava and producing tremors.

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Activity is seen from the volcano in Iceland's Eyjafjallajokull glacier yesterday. Geologists noticed a change in the eruption pattern, with less ash and a lower plume.

But it was not shooting ash six to 10 kilometres into the air like it did previously.

"There is much, much less ash production and the plume is low," said Gudrun Nina Petersen, meteorologist at the Icelandic Met Office, adding that mild winds kept the ash away from crowded air flight corridors.

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Thai government offers talks with Red Shirt rebels — with a catch.

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Three killed in cargo plane crash in Philippines
A Russian-made cargo plane crashed and burst into flames in a rice field north of the Philippine capital of Manila yesterday as it attempted a landing. Three crew were killed and three pulled out alive from the burning wreckage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Saharan countries team up to fight al-Qaida, drugs

AFRICA Four countries in the Sahara desert opened a joint military headquarters yesterday in an unusual, united effort to combat al-Qaida-linked terrorism and trafficking in northwest Africa.

The new command and control centre is in the Algerian city of Tamanrasset, about 2,800 kilometres south of the nation's capital deep in the desert, the Algerian army chief of staff said in a statement.

The four countries directing the operation are Algeria, Mauritania, Mali and Niger, which share porous borders across the Sahara, the world's largest desert.

The countries are hoping to establish a collective security response to threats from traffickers and al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb, or AQIM, which operates across northern Africa.

In March, army patrols from Algeria and Mali clashed by mistake for several hours near their common border before realizing neither were terror groups. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Link to cartels

- Intelligence officials say the threat in the Sahara Desert is on the rise because terrorist groups are linking up with organized crime, especially South American drug cartels that are increasingly using the Sahara as a cocaine trafficking route.

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Sarkozy orders veil ban

French president to submit legislation, defying experts' advice

French President Nicolas Sarkozy yesterday ordered legislation that would ban women from wearing Islamic veils that hide the face in the street and other public places.

In seeking to forbid the garment from public view, Sarkozy defied the advice of experts sought by the government who warned that such a broad ban risked contravening France's constitution.

Such a measure would put France on the same track as Belgium, which is also moving toward a complete ban in a similar reaction as Islamic culture has come in conflict with native European values. Sarkozy has repeatedly said that such clothing oppresses women and is "not welcome" in France.

Government spokesman Luc Chatel said after yesterday's weekly Cabinet meeting that the president decided the government should submit a bill to parliament in May on an overall ban on burqa-like veils.

"The ban on veils covering the whole face should be general, in every public space, because the dignity of women cannot be put in doubt," Chatel said.

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Two women, one wearing the niqab, a veil worn by the most conservative Muslim that exposes only a woman's eyes, walk side-by-side in the French city of Marseille in this 2009 file photo.

The decision to seek a full ban, rather than a limited ban, came as a surprise. After a Cabinet meeting just a week ago, the government spokesman announced a decision for legislation that bans the veil but takes into account conclusions on the matter by the Council of State, France's highest administrative office.

"The Muslims have the right to an orthodox expression of their religion ... it shocks me."
Abdellatif Lemsibak, National Federation of Muslims of France

"It's a transgression, an aggression even, on the level of personal liberty," said Abdellatif Lemsibak, a member of the National Federation of Muslims of France. "The Muslims have the right to an orthodox expression of their religion ... it shocks me."

France is a firmly secular country but has western Europe's largest Muslim population, estimated at some five million. France worries about clashes in values as well as about a spread of radical Islam. Authorities widely see the veil in light of gender equality and security issues. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egypt cracks down on opposition

CAIRO Egypt yesterday charged five leading members of the banned Muslim Brotherhood, including a Saudi, with money laundering and raising funds abroad, in the latest government effort targeting the country's largest opposition movement.

Prosecutor General Abdel Meguid Mahmoud ordered the five to be tried by a State Security Emergency court, a tribunal with looser standards of evidence whose rulings cannot be appealed. Only one of the suspects is currently in custody, the rest, including the Saudi, were charged in absentia. It is the first time a foreigner has been charged, in an apparent escalation of the government's crackdown against the group ahead of this year's legislative elections. The government has been facing a rising tide of calls for democratic reforms. The Brotherhood remains the most organized opposition, with thousands of members and a fifth of the seats in parliament. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dozens injured as Bosnia vets' protest turns violent

War veterans protesting proposed cuts in state benefits set fire to a regional government building in Bosnia yesterday and drove back riot police who tried to disperse them.

The police used tear gas against the more than 5,000 protesters then withdrew, leading the protesters to storm the building, break its windows and set the ground floor on fire.

A small group of policemen was temporarily trapped between the blaze and the furious protesters, but ambulance crews pulled them to safety.

Police said 69 people were injured, 32 of them policemen and 37 demonstrators.

The veterans had fought in the Bosnian war that pitted the country's three main ethnic factions — Serbs, Croats and Bosniaks, or Bosnian Muslims — against each other after Bosnia split from what was then Yugoslavia.

More than 100,000 people were killed in Europe's bloodiest conflict since World War II before a peace was brokered in 1995.

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A Bosnian war veteran protests in Sarajevo yesterday.

$200–$665
Approximate amount Bosnian War veterans collect in benefits each month.

The government of the joint Bosniak-Croat federation that now makes up the country along with a Serb republic is trying to cut its spending to meet conditions of a $1.62 billion US loan from the International Monetary Fund.

War veterans now receive the equivalent of $200 to $665 a month, but the government plan would reduce that and strip some better off veterans of the bulk of their benefits, especially if they have other sources of income. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pope promises action

Catholic Church to work toward protecting children

Pope Benedict XVI promised yesterday that the Catholic Church would take action to confront the clerical sex abuse scandal, making his first public comments on the crisis days after meeting with victims.

During his weekly public audience in St. Peter's Square, Benedict recounted his tearful weekend encounter in Malta with eight men who say they were abused as children by priests in a church-run orphanage.

"I shared with them their suffering, and emotionally prayed with them, assuring them of church action," Benedict said.

At the time of the private meeting Sunday, the Vatican issued a statement saying Benedict had told the men that the church would do everything in its power to bring justice to abusive priests and would implement "effective measures" to protect children.

Yesterday, the public heard the words from the pope himself.

Neither Benedict nor the Vatican has elaborated on what action or measures are being considered. Various national bishops conferences have over the years implemented norms for handling cases of priests who sexually abuse children, none more stringent than the zero-tolerance policy adopted by the United States.

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Syria **Smoking ban kicks in**

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Syrians smoke water-pipes outside a cafe after a law banning smoking in most public places went into effect yesterday in Damascus, Syria. Violators of the ban face a fine amounting to 5,000 Syrian pounds ($110 US). The average monthly income in Syria is $200.

North Korea preparing third nuclear test: Sources

MILITARY North Korea may be preparing to carry out a third nuclear test, analysts and a high-ranking defector said yesterday, citing language in state media hinting of an impending crisis on the peninsula.

Speculation that communist North Korea might conduct another nuclear test, in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions, grew after the South Korean cable network YTN reported Tuesday that the North has been preparing since February to conduct a test in May or June. YTN cited an unidentified diplomatic source.

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Earthquake reported near island of Tonga
A 5.9-magnitude earthquake hit near the Pacific island of Tonga early today, but no casualties or damage were reported and no tsunami warning was issued. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mourning excludes monks

Earthquake survivors say it was the Tibetan monks who helped first, bringing food, pitching tents and digging through rubble after disaster hit far western China a week ago, killing thousands.

Now the Buddhist monks who responded first are being pushed out of the disaster area and off of state media — apparently sidelined by Beijing's unease with their heroism.

Monasteries were given verbal orders the last two days to recall their monks. Amid hours of coverage for China's national day of mourning yesterday, no monks were visible in the official proceedings.

It was a jarring omission in light of their contributions to the weeklong rescue and relief effort following the quake, which killed 2,064 people and injured more than 12,000 others. Monks were seen digging through rubble for survivors or bodies, first alone and then with the help of Chinese soldiers.

Chinese military officials said this week nearly all the roughly 12,000 soldiers who rushed to the quake area struggled with altitude sickness and many had trouble communicating with Tibetan survivors.

Tibetan-speaking monks, many of whom live in high-altitude areas or frequently make pilgrimages to them, didn't have those problems. They flooded into Yushu within hours, on motorbikes and packed in the back of trucks.

Yet state-run broadcasters have given scant attention to their efforts. The director of the modern Tibetan studies program at Columbia University said the monks' contributions pose a dilemma for the government, which distrusts the Buddhist clergy because of their loyalty to the Dalai Lama. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Chinese youth bow their heads to mark the national day of mourning for earthquake victims.

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Nominee's stance on abortion 'very important': Obama

HEALTH U.S. President Barack Obama, dealing carefully with the explosive issue of abortion, said yesterday he will choose a Supreme Court nominee who pays heed to women's rights and personal privacy when interpreting the constitution.

"That's very important to me," Obama said. Yet he insisted he will not make any potential nominee pass a "litmus test" on a woman's right to end a pregnancy.

The Supreme Court ruled in 1973 that laws restricting that right violated women's privacy. The courts have battled with the ramifications since then, although the core ruling has gone untouched. Still, open access to abortion remains a highly volatile subject in U.S. politics.

Traditionally, Obama's Democrats have more favourable positions toward abortion than the opposition Republicans.

"I think part of what our constitutional values promote is the notion that individuals have protection in their privacy, and their bodily integrity, and women are not exempt from that," Obama said.

"Our constitutional values promote ... the notion that individuals have protection in their privacy, and their bodily integrity, and women are not exempt from that."
U.S. President Barack Obama

His comments on women's rights came as he consulted senators and forged ahead in choosing his next nominee for the high court. He is considering about 10 people as candidates to succeed Justice John Paul Stevens, who is retiring.

The president's decision is expected within the next few weeks. Stevens is considered a staunch supporter of abortion rights.

Noting that the abortion debate has long divided the country, Obama underscored his belief in a right to privacy while attempting not to box himself in. He said he would repeat the stand of other presidents by not judging candidates with a single-issue test on abortion. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Former Blackwater president to remain free while awaiting trial

PROBE The former president of Blackwater Worldwide and four of his past colleagues at the North Carolina security firm can remain free as they await trial on federal weapons charges, a judge ruled yesterday.

U.S. Magistrate Judge James Gates denied the government's request to set a bond for the suspects, including a proposed $250,000 bond for former Blackwater president Gary Jackson. Gates did order all five defendants to turn over their passports and refrain from possessing guns. The charges against Jackson include conspiracy to violate firearms laws, possession of a machine-gun and possession of an unregistered firearm. Blackwater, a military contracting firm, is now known as Xe Services. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sri Lanka welcomes new prime minister

Veteran politician Dissanayake Mudiyansalage Jayaratne took the oath of office as Sri Lanka's 20th prime minister yesterday after the ruling party won a large parliamentary majority.

President Mahinda Rajapaksa's United People's Freedom Alliance increased its parliamentary gains to 144 seats in a 225-member Parliament after new voting but fell short of the two-thirds majority it sought to make constitutional changes.

A revote was held Tuesday in some areas affected by fraud and other seats were allocated.

Jayaratne, 79, has been in politics for nearly 50 years and has overseen several key ministries. A Cabinet will be sworn in later.

He was first elected to Parliament in 1970 and is a founding member of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party, the second-largest in Sri Lanka and the main party in the ruling coalition.

Jayaratne will play a limited role under Rajapaksa, who is the country's executive president. Rajapaksa has the power to appoint ministers, justices, military brass and police chiefs, or to sack them.

The prime minister is largely a figurehead who heads the government in Parliament.

The parliamentary victory follows Rajapaksa's re-election in presidential polls three months ago.

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Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa, left, hands over the appointment document to the country's new prime minister Dissanayake Mudiyansalage Jayaratne, as presidential secretary Lalith Weeratunge looks on during the swearing-in ceremony in Colombo, Sri Lanka, yesterday.

Oil platform explodes off Louisiana coast

OIL An explosion rocked an offshore oil drilling platform, sending a column of fire into the sky and touching off a frantic search at sea yesterday for at least 11 reported missing.

Most of the 126 workers on the rig Deepwater Horizon were believed to have escaped safely after the explosion about 10 p.m. Tuesday, Coast Guard Senior Chief Petty Officer Mike O'Berry said.

The rig, more than 80 kilometres southeast of Venice on Louisiana's tip, was still burning at midday yesterday.

It was tilting about 70 degrees and threatening to topple into the water. There was no estimate of when the flames might be out.

Helicopters and boats searched the Gulf of Mexico for any sign of the workers who had not been accounted for.

"We're hoping everyone's in a life raft," O'Berry said.

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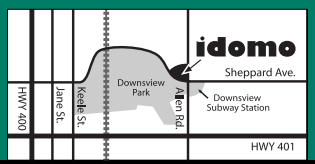

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How does BIO-FEN PLUS™ *work?*

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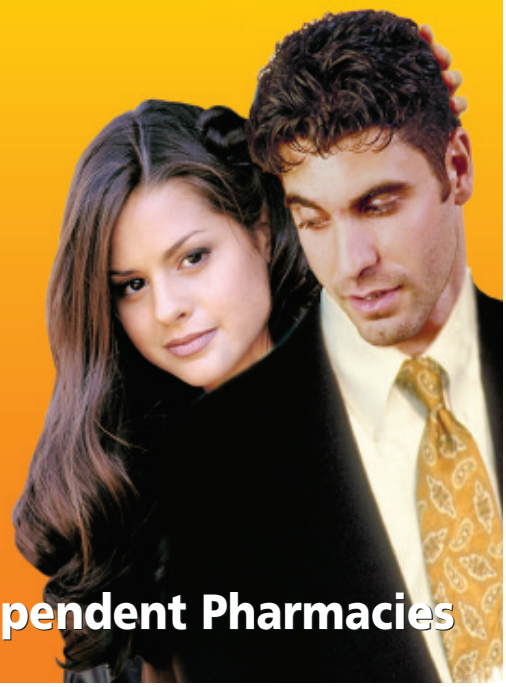

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Plato Gold books higher loss
Toronto-based junior gold explorer Plato Gold Corp., which has projects in Ontario, Quebec and Argentina, said yesterday its loss in the fourth quarter rose to $416,373 from $340,337 the previous year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Encana sees low natural gas prices

ENERGY Natural gas producer Encana Corp. is preparing for the price of the commodity to remain low for the rest of this year and said the cost of steel and drilling services are beginning to creep back up.

Gas prices may not necessarily drop much below their current $4 US per 1,000 cubic feet range, but they could hover at that weak level for an extended period if production continues to outpace demand in North America, chief executive officer Randy Eresman said yesterday.

The outlook could brighten if reduced natural gas drilling restrains a rise in inventory levels, and if more gas is used to produce electricity than coal.

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Grocer wants to grow its pharmacy business

Supermarket giant Metro Inc. remains committed to expanding its pharmacy network despite the pending Ontario government changes that would significantly reduce proceeds to pharmacies from the sale of generic drugs.

The Ontario government is pushing forward with legislation that aims to save $500 million annually by eliminating professional allowances to pharmacists. Such payments from generic drug-makers to pharmacies help defray the cost of dispensing drugs at drug stores.

Metro chief executive Eric LaFleche said the company will assess the impact once the final measures are adopted in Ontario.

"But we remain committed to that business and we think we're in a good position to grow in that business," he said.

The Montreal-based grocery retailer saw its second-quarter profits grow despite facing food price deflation.

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Drug stores

- Metro Inc. operates Pharmacy and Drug Basics stores inside 78 stores in Ontario. It also has 189 Brunet and Clini-Plus stores in Quebec.

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Great Basin Gold selling Nevada ore

Great Basin Gold Ltd. announced yesterday it has agreed to sell ore stockpiled at its Hollister property in Nevada to Newmont Mining Ltd. for processing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

4.2% global rally predicted

But economic recovery still at risk from government debt: IMF

The International Monetary Fund says the global economy, after enduring a crippling recession, should see better-than-expected growth this year, led by strength in China and other developing countries.

In an updated economic outlook, the IMF forecast the world economy would expand 4.2 per cent this year, faster than its previous projection and a sharp improvement from 2009, when global output fell by 0.6 per cent, the worst performance since the Second World War.

However, the international lending agency warned the recovery still remained vulnerable with the biggest threat likely to come from a surge in government debt burdens.

"The outlook for activity remains unusually uncertain," the IMF said in its latest World Economic Outlook. "Although a variety of risks have receded, downside risks related to the growth of public debt in advanced economies have become sharply more evident."

The IMF's estimate that the global economy would grow 4.2 per cent this year represented a 0.3 percentage point increase from the IMF's January forecast. For 2011, the IMF projected global growth of 4.3 per cent, no change from its January outlook.

The IMF expects wide disparities between regions with the United States and Canada outperforming Europe and Japan, but lagging behind China and other developing countries.

"Turning to Canada, the recovery there is ... expected to be protracted, reflecting more moderate demand growth than in the United States as well as the substantial strengthening of the Canadian dollar," the report said.

It said output growth is projected at 3.1 per cent in 2010, up from 2.6 in the IMF's projection in January.

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China **Billionaire bets on Macau**

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Americans prefer U.S. cars: Poll

DATA After a lengthy foreign dalliance, America's love affair with the automobile is returning to its roots with a revived affection for U.S.-made cars.

Slightly more Americans now say the United States makes better-quality vehicles than Asia does, with 38 per cent saying U.S. cars are best and 33 per cent citing autos made by Asian countries, according to an Associated Press-GfK Poll.

The survey suggests those numbers are largely fuelled by a plunge in Toyota's reputation and an upsurge in Ford's. The poll was conducted in March as Toyota was being roiled by nightmarish publicity over its recall of more than eight million vehicles around the globe and allegations it responded sluggishly to safety concerns.

Though the U.S. advantage is modest, it marks a significant turnabout for American automakers battered by recession and relentless competition from overseas rivals. When the same question was asked in a December 2006 AP-AOL poll, 46 per cent said Asian countries made the superior car while just 29 per cent named American vehicles, reflecting a perception of U.S. automotive inferiority that began taking hold about three decades ago.

Highlighting the changing attitudes, 15 per cent in the March poll said Toyota makes the best cars, down from 25 per cent who said so in 2006. Moving in the opposite direction was Ford, cited as tops by just nine per cent in 2006 but by 18 per cent last month.

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GM CEO says carmaker has repaid government loans

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General Motors Co. CEO Edward Whitacre Jr., seen here in a January file photo, says the automaker has repaid $8.1 billion US in loans it received from the U.S. and Canadian governments, a sign that a plan to rebuild the company is working.

AUTO General Motors Co. has repaid the $8.1 billion US it borrowed from governments in the United States and Canada, a move the automaker's CEO says is a sign the company is on the road to recovery.

GM chief executive Ed Whitacre formally announced the loan paybacks — $8.4 billion including interest — yesterday at the company's Fairfax Assembly Plant in Kansas City.

"GM is able to repay the taxpayers in full, with interest, ahead of schedule, because more customers are buying vehicles," Whitacre said.

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GM CEO Ed Whitacre

"We are now building some of the best cars, trucks and crossovers we have ever built ... Our dealers are increasing their sales, we are investing in our plants, and we are restoring and creating jobs."

GM had previously made about $2 billion in repayments to the U.S. government and $384 million to Canadian governments in December and March and had promised to repay the full loans by June.

But company officials have said GM's cash flow, mainly from the sales of newer models, has been better than expected, allowing it to make the remaining $5.8 billion in payments early — about $1.1 billion to Export Development Canada and another $4.7 billion to the U.S. Treasury Department.

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Business in brief

MOLSON Soaring profits last year prompted Molson Coors to open the financial taps to reward the brewer's chief executive with large bonus and stock option increases. Peter Swinburn received more than $9.4 million US in total compensation, up from $6 million in 2008, according to a proxy circular filed with U.S. regulators. He earned $2.1 million in bonus last year, up from $824,000 a year earlier.

WIRELESS AT&T Inc. added 43 per cent fewer wireless customers with contracts in the first quarter than it has since 2004, an indication that the saturation of the U.S. market is even starting to catch up with the carrier of the iPhone.

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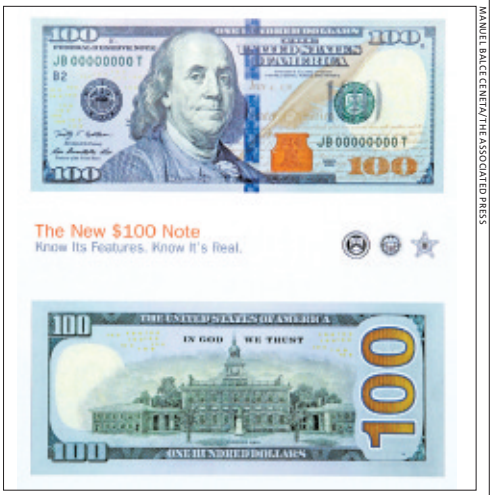

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The new design of the American $100 bill was unveiled yesterday at the Treasury Department in Washington.

Benjamin's makeover

The folks who print America's money have designed a high-tech makeover of the $100 bill.

It's part of an effort to stay ahead of counterfeiters as technology becomes more sophisticated and more dollars flow overseas, U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke said. The makeover, unveiled yesterday, may leave people wondering if there's magic involved.

Benjamin Franklin is still on the C-note. But he has been joined by a disappearing Liberty Bell in an inkwell and a bright blue security ribbon composed of thousands of tiny lenses that magnify objects in mysterious ways. Move the bill and the objects move in a different direction.

The new currency will not go into circulation until Feb. 10 of next year, giving the government time to educate the public in the U.S. and worldwide about the changes. Bernanke said that the 6.5 billion in $100 bills now in circulation will remain legal tender.

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C-note facts

- As many as two-thirds of all $100 notes circulate outside the United States.
- The $100 bill, the highest value denomination in general circulation, is the last bill to undergo an extensive redesign.
- The $100 bill is the most frequent target of counterfeiters operating outside of the U.S.

Business in brief

LICENCE Khan Resources Inc. is formally challenging that the legality of the Mongolian Nuclear Energy Agency's invalidation of a mining licence held by one of the company's subsidiaries. Khan claims the agency has no legal authority to do so.

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McValue menu draws more customers

McDonald's sales up around globe, pushing profit higher

McDonald's Corp.'s first-quarter profit surged as it drew more diners seeking cheap meals with its new breakfast dollar menu and standbys like Chicken McNuggets.

The world's largest hamburger chain said yesterday that sales rose throughout the globe, especially Europe and Asia where more customers visited its restaurants.

The company's U.S. sales climbed as well, though more slowly.

1,400 McDonald's operates restaurants around the world, including more than 1,400 in Canada.

McDonald's, based in Oak Brook, Ill., has generally managed to do better than most of its competitors in the recession. But even its long run of revenue growth came under pressure amid high unemployment, causing revenue to slip in 2009 for the first time in more than a quarter-century.

For the first quarter, McDonald's earned $1.09 billion, or $1 per share. Those results included a three-cents-per-share charge related to closing locations in Japan.

Yesterday's profit compares with earnings of $979.5 million, or 87 cents per share, in the same quarter last year.

In the U.S., customers snapped up McDonald's beverages such as frappes and coffee drinks from its McCafe line. Meanwhile, its new breakfast dollar menu also seemed to resonate with consumers as they sought out fast and cheap meals to start off their day.

U.S. sales at domestic restaurants open at least a year were up 1.5 per cent during the quarter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Worldwide sales at McDonald's restaurants open at least a year grew 4.2 per cent for the quarter, with Europe climbing 5.2 per cent and Asia/Pacific, the Middle East and Africa up 5.7 per cent.

Chrysler cuts loss to $197M, says turnaround is working

AUTOS Chrysler Group LLC said cost cuts, manufacturing efficiency and disciplined pricing helped the automaker slash its net loss to $197 million US in the first quarter.

The red ink was far less than the staggering $3.8 billion that Chrysler lost from the time it left bankruptcy protection June 10 through the end of last year, and the company said it's a sign that its turnaround plans are starting to work.

The company's U.S. sales grew five per cent for the quarter, but lagged behind other automakers as the whole market grew 15.5 per cent. Dealers in the U.S. reported slow sales due to an aging product lineup. But Chrysler said that by the end of the year it plans to redo the slow-selling Chrysler Sebring midsize sedan and the Dodge Charger muscle car, as well as unveil a new Jeep Grand Cherokee SUV and a new Chrysler 300 large car. Also coming in December is the Fiat 500 minicar.

CEO Sergio Marchionne said he's committed to launching the Alfa Romeo brand in the U.S. in 2012 with the Giulia midsize sedan. Alfa models were last sold in the U.S. in the 1980s. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Fiat splitting up into industrial unit, car company, CEO says

AUTOS Fiat CEO Sergio Marchionne announced yesterday that the Italian company will spin off its farm and construction equipment as well as heavy truck businesses to "give birth" to a global auto company that could feasibly build six million cars per year by 2014.

"It's the perfect time to do the spinoff. If we can do it now, we can weather anything," Marchionne told analysts after presenting Fiat's five-year business plan. Marchionne said Fiat didn't do it earlier because it needed the collective strength of all the business to turn the company around financially after he took over in 2004.

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Sergio Marchionne, Fiat chief executive

The spinoff will create Fiat Industries SpA, comprising CNH agriculture and construction equipment, Iveco and FPT Industries and Marine activities.

Fiat SpA will include Fiat Group Autos, which includes the Fiat, Alfa and Lancia brands, as well as Maserati and 85 per cent of Ferrari, as well as components and related assets.

The current structure, with all of the business under Fiat Group SpA, reflects Fiat's growth from an automotive company founded by Giovanni Agnelli in 1899 to a business conglomerate 111 years later. Marchionne said the group businesses had one thing in common: "The products were powered by engines."

In expanding its global car production, Fiat may also be looking at using its partnership with Chrysler to boost its North American manufacturing.

Reports have circulated for months that the company could decide to build Alfa Romeo vehicles at a Chrysler sedan plant in Brampton in a move to expand the Alfa brand's presence in North America.

Fiat owns 20 per cent of Chrysler and wants to boost its stake to 35 per cent of the U.S. carmaker. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Merck inks distribution deal in U.S.

DRUGS Merck & Co. has entered a deal with non-profit vaccine maker MassBiologics to distribute its Td vaccine against tetanus and diphtheria throughout the United States, in the big drugmaker's latest move to remain dominant in vaccines. MassBiologics is a 116-year-old vaccine developer now run by the University of Massachusetts Medical School.

Merck, the world's second-biggest drugmaker by sales, has long been a pioneer in development of vaccines and the market leader by revenue.

It's now in a neck-and-neck race with British drugmaker GlaxoSmithKline PLC. The rivals in recent years each have launched lucrative vaccines against human papilloma virus, which causes cervical and other cancers, and rotavirus, which lands thousands of America toddlers in the hospital each year and kills many more overseas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

India **Child workers**

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Shoeshine boys wait for customers yesterday on a sidewalk in New Delhi, India. Officials estimate that 13 million children work in India, many in labour-intensive jobs such as carpet-weaving or more dangerous industries such as glass making, where such work has been outlawed since 1986. Rights activists place the number of child workers as high as 60 million, with one estimate saying that 20 per cent of India's economy is dependent on children younger than 14.

Hana ups Africa mine's lode

MINING An update estimate indicates a "substantial increase" in resource tonnes at Hana Mining Ltd.'s Ghanzi sediment-hosted copper-silver project in Botswana, the company announced yesterday

The new estimate now shows 3.9 billion pounds of copper and 62.1 million ounces of silver, double that of an estimate released last June, Hana Mining said in a news release.

"This updated resource estimate is a very positive step for the Ghanzi project and culminates an eight-month drill program that has demonstrated the predictable nature of mineralization on the property," said Hana chairman and CEO Marek Kreczmer.

The Ghanzi project is located in the centre of the Kalahari copper belt in northwestern Botswana. The Ghanzi property covers 2,169 square kilometres. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada avoids relegation
Guy Carbonneau finally caught a glimpse of the Canadian team he envisioned coaching at the IIHF World U18 Championship. Jordan Weal had two goals and an assist yesterday as Canada avoided relegation with a 5-1 victory over Latvia. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports

Creator of Twins logo dies

The St. Paul illustrator who created the enduring Minnesota Twins logo of two players shaking hands across a river has died of cancer at age 80. Ray Barton was paid $15 in 1961 to create the image, never thinking it would become the team's official logo. It's displayed on the Twins' uniforms and pennants and was turned into a giant sign that looms over the outfield at the team's new ballpark. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Vernon Wells went 0-for-4 with three strikeouts yesterday as the Blue Jays lost 4-3 to the Kansas City Royals.

Royals ace denies Jays

MLB RESULTS
Royals 4 **Jays** 3 (10 ings)

Shaun Marcum stood toe-to-toe with the American League's defending Cy Young Award winner yesterday afternoon, but the big mistake he made was larger than the one made by his opponent, leaving Marcum to continue the search for his first win as the ace of the Toronto Blue Jays rotation.

Toronto fell in the 10th inning of its series finale with the Kansas City Royals when third baseman Alex Gordon blasted a pitch from reliever Scott Downs over the wall in centre. The Blue Jays lost 4-3 but had already clinched their eighth straight series against the Royals at Rogers Centre with two wins earlier this week.

Marcum allowed six hits over seven innings against the Royals, his biggest mistake being a three-run home run in the first inning. Kansas City ace Zack Greinke also allowed a home run. The two-run shot was one of only two hits the Blue Jays were able to muster.

With busloads of schoolchildren in attendance for the matinee, attendance was announced as 15,577, which counted as the third-largest crowd in Toronto this season. The Blue Jays had drawn a record-low crowd to Rogers Centre for the series-opener with the Royals Monday (10,314), and even though there were more people in the stands yesterday, the 500 level still featured 23 consecutive sections of empty seats.

That Marcum began the game with an 0-1 record was as much the result of misfortune as anything he had done on the mound. The 28-year-old carried a no-hitter into the seventh inning of the season-opener in Texas — his first opening day start in place of the departed Roy Halladay — but ended the day with a no decision in a 5-4 loss.

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Sports in brief

SOCCER Gabriel Agbonlahor and James Milner fired Aston Villa to a 2-0 victory at Hull yesterday to maintain its slim chance of capturing fourth place in the Premier League and push the home side closer to relegation. Aston Villa climbed one place to sixth in the standings, but is still three points behind fourth-place Tottenham, which has a game in hand.

SOCCER Arjen Robben scored a second-half winner as Bayern Munich beat Lyon 1-0 in the first leg of a Champions League semifinal yesterday, a game in which both sides finished with 10 men.

BLUE JAYS Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Brian Tallet is scheduled to undergo an MRI on his forearm today when the team hopes to identify an injury that landed the veteran starter on the disabled list amid a flurry of moves announced yesterday afternoon. Edwin Encarnacion was also placed on the 15-day disabled list with an arm injury.

NBA Oklahoma City Thunder coach Scott Brooks was named the NBA's coach of the year after engineering the league's best turnaround. The Thunder won 27 more games this season than they did a year ago, going 50-32 and earning the No. 8 seed in the Western Conference playoffs with the NBA's youngest roster.

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World's most valuable sports team? Man U says Forbes

SOCCER Manchester United has been ranked soccer's most valuable team by Forbes magazine for the sixth straight year as a group of investors and fans try to buy the heavily indebted club.

The magazine's valuation is $1.8 billion US, but the Glazer family that owns the club is resisting the hostile Red Knights campaign to buy the 18-time English champions and their debt of $1.1 billion.

Based on Forbes' estimates, which take into account revenue growth, profitability and debt levels in the 2008-09 season, United is the most valuable sports team in the world. The Dallas Cowboys are valued at $1.65 billion by Forbes and the New York Yankees at $1.6 billion.

Real Madrid is second on the soccer list at $1.323 billion, with Arsenal third at $1.181 billion — the same top three as last year.

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Other top teams

- Barcelona has leapt to fourth at $1 billion from seventh, taking Bayern Munich's place.
- Liverpool, sixth at $822 million, is looking for a buyer. The top 10 includes AC Milan ($800 million), Juventus ($656 million), Chelsea ($646) and Inter Milan ($413 million).

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Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger practises earlier this week at the team's training facility in Pittsburgh.

Roethlisberger hit with suspension

NFL Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger was suspended for six games without pay yesterday for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy and ordered to undergo behavioural evaluation.

Commissioner Roger Goodell handed down the punishment a week after prosecutors decided not to charge Roethlisberger in a case involving a 20-year-old college student who accused him of sexually assaulting her in a Georgia nightclub in March.

Goodell said the league's conduct policy gave him the right to impose discipline regardless of whether he broke the law.

"I recognize that the allegations in Georgia were disputed and that they did not result in criminal charges being filed against you," he said in his letter to the two-time Super Bowl winner, a six-year veteran.

"My decision today is not based on a finding that you violated Georgia law, or on a conclusion that differs from that of the local prosecutor. That said, you are held to a higher standard as an NFL player, and there is nothing about your conduct in Milledgeville that can remotely be described as admirable, responsible, or consistent with either the values of the league or the expectations of our fans."

Roethlisberger must undergo a "comprehensive behavioural evaluation by medical professionals" and may not attend any team off-season activities until that evaluation is completed.

The suspension could be reduced to four games for good behaviour.

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$2.8M
Sitting out all six games will cost Ben Roethlisberger an estimated $2.8 million US.

Former IOC boss Samaranch dead at 89

SPAIN Juan Antonio Samaranch, a reserved but shrewd dealmaker whose 21-year term as president of the International Olympic Committee was marked by both the unprecedented growth of the Games and its biggest ethics scandal, died yesterday in hospital. He was 89.

Samaranch, a courtly former diplomat who served as Spanish ambassador in Moscow, led the IOC from 1980 to 2001. He was considered one of the defining presidents for building the IOC into a powerful global organization and firmly establishing the Olympics as a world force.

Samaranch was admitted to the Quiron Hospital in Barcelona Sunday after experiencing heart trouble. The hospital said he died at 1:25 p.m. local time yesterday.

"If there is a good way to die, I guess it was this way," Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr. told The Associated Press.

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Billionaire says he want to keep Rams in St. Louis

Billionaire Stan Kroenke says he wants to keep the Rams in St. Louis. Kroenke told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that he will do "everything" he can to keep the Rams in his home state of Missouri. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Capitals have Canadiens on the ropes

(Washington leads 3-1)

Capitals 6 Canadiens 3

Alex Ovechkin scored two goals and Semyon Varlamov made 36 saves as the Washington Capitals defeated the Montreal Canadiens 6-3 last night to put a chokehold on the first-round NHL playoff series.

The Capitals lead the best-of-seven Eastern Conference quarter-final 3-1 and can wrap it up with a victory on home in Washington tomorrow night.

Mike Knuble also scored twice and Jason Chimera and Nicklas Backstrom each had one for Washington, although only four of the goals were on Carey Price, who replaced Jaroslav Halak as the Canadiens starter. Knuble's second and Backstrom's goal were into empty nets between a late goal by Montreal's Dominic Moore.

Mike Cammalleri and Brian Gionta also scored for the Canadiens, who outshot Washington 39-38.

As in Washington's 5-1 win in Game 3 on Monday, the game turned on a short-handed goal.

Montreal had taken a 2-1 and held the man advantage when Roman Hamrlik knocked down Tom Poti's clearing attempt right to Boyd Gordon. The checking centre went in on a two-on-one and feathered a perfect pass to Knuble to tie the game with seven seconds left in the second period.

Gordon had Washington's big short-handed goal on Monday.

The Capitals came out harder in the third and it was their quick-strike capability that buried the Canadiens. With Washington on a rush, Habs defenceman Josh Gorges tipped the puck off Alexander Semin's stick right to Ovechkin in the slot for the low shot that gave Price no chance at 11:09. The assist was Semin's first point of the series. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bruins win in OT

- Miroslav Satan scored in the second overtime period as the Boston Bruins beat the Buffalo Sabres 3-2 to take a 3-1 lead in the series.

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Who will be No. 1?

NFL GMs weighing their draft options

Sam Bradford chucked footballs to Pop Warner players. Ndamukong Suh posed for dozens of cameras. Gerald McCoy surveyed the Central Park landscape.

While the top prospects enjoyed New York yesterday, general managers and personnel directors throughout the NFL pondered the most unique draft in years.

Not only is this year's crop stocked with players such as Nebraska defensive tackle Suh, Oklahoma quarterback Bradford and Sooners teammate McCoy, but the three-day setup is new. The draft kicks off tonight in prime time for the first time. The second and third rounds are Friday night, with the final four rounds Saturday.

Bradford, Suh and McCoy figure to go 1-2-3 overall. No wonder they were all smiles during a variety of league-staged events.

"It's fun and it's important," Suh said as he watched dozens of youth players scramble around a makeshift artificial turf field.

The real scramble begins at 7:30 tonight, and the All-American considered the best defensive tackle coming out of college in more than a decade has no clue where he will land.

"I have no idea what's going to happen," he said. "I haven't had anyone tell me that they want to draft me. There could be a lot of trades. There could be someone a team really wants."

They pretty much all want Suh. And Bradford. And McCoy.

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Nebraska defensive lineman Ndamukong Suh runs the 40-yard dash during the NFL scouting combine last month.

"I hope so," McCoy said. "If I walk into the room having no idea, my heart's going to be going," 2008 Heisman Trophy winner Bradford admitted.

Bradford is projected to go No. 1 to St. Louis, which released incumbent Marc Bulger and comes off a 1-15 season in which it managed all of 175 points in 16 games.

"I hope Sam goes one," McCoy said. "That's a statement you can write down and pencil it in. I hope Sam goes one. Sam is my boy."

And then McCoy can sack him when they meet in the pros?

"After he gets picked, then I'm (going to) kill him. That's how it goes."

Oklahoma tackle Trent Williams, another likely high pick, also believes Bradford is the wise choice for the Rams.

"Sam? You know, the question is what doesn't he do well," Williams said. "I'm his teammate and I've really rarely seen a mistake out of Sam." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Second line stepping up for Sharks

NHL Joe Thornton, Patrick Marleau and Dany Heatley have 103 regular-season goals, three gold medals and plenty of other accolades accumulated already this season.

The one thing the high-scoring trio is missing so far is a playoff goal. The Sharks' top line has played nothing like that in the first four games of their first-round series against the Colorado Avalanche.

"We need them to get on the scoreboard," coach Todd McLellan said yesterday. "We can talk about how they're playing and the chances they're creating and their contributions at the other end of the rink, which are all very important. They're doing a pretty good job in those areas.

"But, ultimately, they have to find a way to get on the scoreboard, particularly on the power play. It will come."

After scoring 40 per cent of the team's goals in the regular season, the three have no goals and four assists in the series, and are a combined minus-7. But despite all that the top-seeded Sharks still find themselves tied at two games apiece with Colorado heading into tonight's Game 5 in San Jose.

The biggest reason for that is the play of Joe Pavelski's second line. Pavelski scored the overtime game-winner in Game 4 in Denver for the Sharks Tuesday night.

Pavelski also scored the tying goal in the closing minute of Game 2, setting the stage for Devin Setoguchi's overtime winner. Ryane Clowe also has a goal and four assists. The trio has five goals and seven assists.

"We've just been prepared to work," Pavelski said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Close-fought

- Neither team has led by more than a goal in what has been a draining series both physically and mentally so far.

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It was just 30 years ago that the first blue box became a part of life ~ *by Ylva Van Buuren*

In fact, 250 hand-assembled blue boxes were distributed in a Kitchener, Ontario neighbourhood with instructions to separate bottles, cans, and newspapers out of the garbage so the city could pick them up separately.

"It was a highly successful pilot project… and within 15 years, every household in the province had a blue box," explains Derek Stephenson, President, StewardEdge Inc., and the man who spearheaded the program. Of course, blue boxes are now part of the landscape across Canada, and this kind of recycling has extended throughout the United States (just the colour of the box is different) and into parts of Europe too. Our blue box program is just one example of how Canada has taken a leading role in environmental protection.

"It is crucial that environmental awareness become part of our value system–and that's what has happened," says Stephenson. "People want to do the right thing–and will participate when they believe they are."

Another great example of how change occurs is when Canadians made the link between everyday products such as hairspray and deodorant and the widening hole in the ozone layer. The movement to remove the offending chemicals, called CFCs, led to the 1989 Montreal Protocol, which banned CFCs and ultimately became one of the most widely-adopted protocols around the world!

Environmental awareness–and action–is now widespread, whether it involves purchasing a green product, taking public transportation, changing the type of light bulbs you use, or taking part in activities such as the Green Living Show (this weekend), Canadian Environment Week, and Clean Air Day (in June). Earlier this month, hundreds of millions of people across the globe–a record 126 countries and territories–turned their lights off for Earth Hour in support of the World Wildlife Fund-led initiative.

But challenges still remain and the biggest one is to lighten our environmental footprint across the board. "People need to reduce, reuse, recycle–and re-think," says Stephenson. "It's important to ask yourself: What is the impact of what I am doing, and can I do it with a smaller environmental footprint?"

On the following pages: a look at how Canada is taking care of our waterways and our planet–and how you can make a bigger difference, too.

Every Little Bit Counts

If you were one of the more than 10 million adult Canadians who turned off the lights to mark Earth Hour this year, you helped to place this country, once again, at the top of the list for global participation. But organizers say the no-power hour accomplished much more than temporarily shrink the country's electricity load.

The idea, says Keith Stewart, director of the climate change program with World Wildlife Fund Canada, was to put the spotlight on how little changes can add up to make a big difference.

If every Canadian, for example, switched one regular light bulb for an energy-efficient compact fluorescent (CFL) bulb, the World Wildlife Fund estimates it would be equal to taking 57,000 cars off the road. Also, if just nine families regularly walked their kids to school instead of driving them, they could prevent almost 1,000 kg of carbon dioxide from being released into the atmosphere.

Water, water – everywhere

Programs aim to reclaim our fresh water ~ *by Alex Newman*

"Although it is important today to be aware of how much water you are using and possibly wasting (Canadians consume a whopping 4,400 litres of water per day per person), water quality is becoming a big issue too," says Mark Mattson, director of the non-profit watchdog organization, Waterkeepers. "In fact, water may be a bigger polluter than air," he says.

But when it comes to water, it's not all bad news. Provincial and federal governments have cranked up their efforts to help protect waterways, funding cities to rebuild water system infrastructures that have been neglected with the past several decades of growth, says Mattson.

The Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME), a 15-year-old forum for collaborating on environmental issues, has devised a national action plan to increase municipal water use efficiency and to protect drinking water from source to tap.

To address potential water shortages, Agriculture Canada is looking at ways to capture water during spring snow melt for storage behind dams or in reservoirs to use for later irrigation. The ministry is also investigating use of lower-moisture crops and management practices for improving crop production.

April also marks a major environmental success story in Canada. Mattson explains, "The opening of the causeway gates on the Petitcodiac River in Moncton has launched the biggest fish restoration project in the world and will take the river off the endangered list!"

What you can do:

- Reduce water consumption: run full dishwasher loads, trade in your old toilet for a low flow model, buy a front load washer, collect rainwater for the garden
- Divert waste that can leach into the water table at garbage sites: properly dispose of wet food wastes (in compost), leftover medicines (return to your drugstore who will dispose of it safely), and chemicals such as leftover paint, varsol, etc. (bring to a drop off depot; check your municipality for the location
- Check out waterkeepers.ca or, better yet, start your own local chapter
- Help clean up shorelines by volunteering for the Great Canadian Shore Cleanup (Sept 18-26, 2010) ***www.shorelinecleanup.ca***

Steps That Add Up

- *Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving*
- *Pass on the plasma TV–it uses five times as much energy as other models*
- *Unplug electronics when not in use, or use a power bar*
- *Shower, don't bathe, and keep it short–switch to a low-flow shower head*
- *Cook with a microwave, electric frying pan, toaster oven or slow cooker rather than stovetop or oven*
- *Don't shop, swap–organize a book or clothing exchange with friends or make use of online sites such as Kijiji or Freecycle*
- *Place chairs next to windows for daytime reading*
- *Try carpooling and telecommuting at work*
- *Avoid plane travel if possible*
- *Use a laptop instead of a desktop*
- *Print on both sides of your paper*
- *Use a mug at the office instead of disposable cups*
- *Set up a Walking School Bus for your children's school via* ***www.saferoutestoschool.ca***

Loblaw Offers Sustainable Choice

Local and sustainable sources are Loblaw's top priority ~ *by Lori Dance*

The world's oceans are facing an unprecedented crisis, with much of the world's fish stock either fully exploited or over-exploited. As well, the impact of carbon consumption is prompting consumers to look closer to home for their produce. Loblaw has taken these concepts to heart by setting goals that address the need for sustainability and environmental responsibility.

In 2009, Loblaw announced a comprehensive sustainable seafood initiative, committing to source 100% of seafood sold in their stores from sustainable sources by the end of 2013; this covers all canned, frozen, fresh, wild, and farmed seafood products in all categories—both private label and national brands.

To help them achieve their goal, Loblaw is partnering with WWF-Canada, the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC), marine scientists, conservation experts, and fisheries. "This initiative is one of the most ambitious and comprehensive steps we have seen from a grocery retailer in Canada and, indeed, the world," says Gerald Butts, President and CEO of WWF-Canada (www.wwf.ca). "When fulfilled, the Loblaw initiative will go a long way to help conserve the well being of our oceans and marine life, setting an important example for other retailers to follow."

The Marine Stewardship Council (www.msc.org) is currently the only certification system that meets all of Loblaw's needs for wild-caught seafood, is global in scope, and is supported by leading international conservation organizations. Loblaw is committed to offering customers sustainable choices and continues to expand their line of Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)-certified products. They now offer 16 MSC-certified products in their stores, the most of any Canadian retailer. As well, as certain species are found to be at risk, Loblaw will temporarily suspend sales in their stores until a sustainable source is found.

For more information on their commitment to sustainability, visit their Facebook Fan Page at ***www.facebook.com/LoblawSustainableSeafood***

University of Guelph Partnership

Loblaw's sustainability efforts don't just end on the shoreline, however. A $3-million gift in April has enabled the University of Guelph (www.uoguelph.ca) to create the Loblaw Companies Limited Chair in Sustainable Food Production, the centre of the University's research focus on creating robust food production systems through education, research, practice, and outreach. "Working together, we can address the very issues that are at the root of today's global pressures around food sustainability," explains Galen G. Weston, executive chairman of Loblaw Companies Limited. "Through this initiative, we believe we can help to increase Canada's capacity to produce food sustainably, train tomorrow's industry leaders, contribute to policy development, meet consumers' needs, and nurture our environment. It represents the defining strategy for Loblaw over the next two decades."

Grown Close to Home™ program

To address the demand for locally grown produce, Loblaw supports local Canadian farmers and economies to bring Canadians exceptional flavours of produce picked at its peak. They partner with more than 400 growers across Canada.. Over the past two years, the Grown Close to Home ™ program has increased produce sales by more than 16% during the local harvest period.

Reducing the Carbon Footprint

Loblaw's commitment to waste and emissions reduction

It may surprise you to know that the grocery industry deals with the issue of waste on a daily basis in the form of wood pallets, plastic and cardboard packaging, glass bottles and cans, plastic shopping bags, and food that goes bad and runs short of its code life. As well, the amount of fuel necessary to transport goods through the supply chain has a significant impact on a supermarket's carbon footprint.

Since 2007, Loblaw has been working towards diverting 70% of their generated waste away from landfill, a goal that has already been achieved in their Atlantic corporate stores. Their approach is to focus on the areas where we can make the biggest impact: reduce, reuse and recycle where we can: use our own brands to innovate and drive change: and collaborate with municipalities, private industry and other key stakeholders to build infrastructure and markets.

In 2009, Loblaw introduced new initiatives to reduce their carbon production from the transportation of goods through their supply chain. Bunk heaters in tractor cabs keep drivers warm in the cold winter months, lowering fuel consumption from 4.0 litres per hour (when a tractor idles) to 0.2 litres per hour. Multi-axle trailers for their primary freight routes in Ontario and Quebec enable trucks to pull more weight using the same power source. In 2009, they recapped 80% of their tires instead of replacing them (production of a new tire uses approximately 83 litres of oil, while the recapping process uses only 26 litres). And finally, they reduced the maximum speed limit for their fleet to increase fuel efficiency, reduce wear and tear on equipment, and mitigate the risk of accidents.

To address the issue of food spoilage, Loblaw established partnerships with two companies in developing biogas facilities that will convert organic waste from select stores into a renewable energy source. As well, they have well-established processes for reclaiming unsaleable products and sending them to food banks whenever possible.

In 2009, Loblaw enlisted the help of their customers in reducing waste by no longer providing complimentary plastic shopping bags at checkout.. In 2009 alone, these actions led to a 55% reduction in the use of plastic bags coming from their stores.

Minimizing the carbon footprint of the grocery industry is an incredibly daunting task. The challenges supermarkets face in mitigating their waste and fuel expenditure are often too easy to overlook and simply ignore in favour of maximizing their own bottom line. It's good to see a company such as Loblaw take steps to reduce its environmental impact.

Saving Energy in Loblaw's Supermarkets

Approximately 73% of Loblaw's carbon footprint is the result of the energy used in stores, distribution centres, and offices. Some of the energy efficiency improvements made at new and existing stores include:

- *Replacing open freezers with closed-door units that reduce the amount of air that escapes*
- *Adding pull-down curtains to refrigerated cases*
- *Upgrading lighting systems to include motion-activated LED lighting in freezer cases and in low traffic areas of the store*
- *Installing automatic energy management systems which reduce lighting and energy use during hours of non-operation and ensure that mechanical, electrical, and refrigeration systems operate at maximum efficiency*

Award Nominees Pave the Environmental Way

Environmental awards are a great way to learn how to make changes that make a difference ~ *Gilda Swartz*

The 2010 Green Toronto Awards, for example, recognize individuals, organizations and companies that are leading the way to a cleaner, greener and more livable city. Nine winners will be announced at the Green Living Show in Toronto on April 23. Here is a close-up look at three of the 27 nominees – what makes them special and how you can follow their lead. For more information, visit www.greenlivingonline.com

Turn nature into your playground

Most of us don't have easy access to fields and forests. That's why Bienenstock Natural Playgrounds (BNP) creates play areas that include fallen logs, hills, boulders and native plants. Beinenstock playgrounds, which meet all safety standards, are in parks, at childcare centres, YMCAs and other public spaces across Canada.

What you can do:

Take a hike – or bike – on your nearest nature trail. Include a nature guidebook and check out trees, insects and wildlife. Keep a list of what you see along the way.

Make your community more livable

With the help of 10,000 volunteers Evergreen, a national charity, has planted more than 50,000 trees and shrubs in Vancouver, Toronto and other urban centres, helped 140 youth turn 18 barren plots into wildflower gardens, and is transforming Toronto's once-deserted Don Valley Brick Works into an environmental centre. Evergreen offers grants, resources and workshops to people who want to green their communities.

What you can do:

Volunteer at a community garden or a tree-planting event. Support local food producers by buying their fruits, vegetables, wines and cheeses. Donate money to environmental programs.

Conserve and win

Wilmar Court is a seniors' housing project with young ideas about sustainable living. The 72-unit apartment in Scarborough, Ont., installed solar panels to pre-heat its hot water. Organic mulch enriches the grounds, and low-energy bulbs light the building.

What you can do:

At home, use biodegradable soaps and cleaners, buy compact fluorescent bulbs, use rain barrels to collect rainwater run-off, choose low VOC paints, mulch your garden naturally and install energy-efficient toilets.

Other Green Awards

- *Earth Day Canada recognizes the importance of personal environmental achievement with their Hometown Heroes Awards*
- *The Royal Canadian Geographical Society and 3M Canada has a Canadian Award for Environmental Innovation to celebrate individuals involved in a project that protects, restores, or preserves the environment*

Taking a Greener Initiative

Toshiba Canada practices what they preach ~ *by Lori Dance*

We've all read about how companies are rolling out new product lines that use less energy and are better for the environment. But how far are they willing to go to prove their commitment to the environment when nobody else is looking?

"Toshiba has a 20-year history of environmental commitment and takes a long-term approach to helping better the environment by setting goals well into the future—such as the Toshiba Group's global Environmental Vision 2050," says Ralph Hyatt, President and CEO of Toshiba of Canada. "Based on the Kyoto Protocol, this program promises to improve our eco-efficiency by a factor of ten over the year 2000 through strict monitoring of our energy usage, manufacturing process improvements, and eco-conscious product development that will help make a difference today and for future generations."

The Toshiba Environmental Vision 2050 program seeks to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide by the equivalent of 117.7 million tons per year by 2025 and raise overall eco-efficiency tenfold by 2050 (compared to 2000). Just two years ago, 51% of Toshiba sites worldwide achieved zero emissions of waste, and 89% of Toshiba products did not contain any of a list of 15 harmful substances, including PCBs, Ozone-depleting substances, Cadmium, Lead, and Mercury. And two years from now, Toshiba has set a target to achieve zero emissions of waste at all Toshiba sites worldwide, and 100% of Toshiba products will be free from 15 harmful substances.

Potential suppliers take a stringent, 22-point environmental performance survey, and priority is then assigned to companies with the highest survey scores. This not only results in greener products, but it also gives suppliers the incentives and resources needed to improve their environmental practices.

Their commitment to the environment doesn't just end at the manufacturing stage, however. At their Markham head office, employees receive a reusable mug when they begin their employment, and china and biodegradable containers have replaced Styrofoam in their cafeterias. Electronics and lights are turned off when not in use, programmable thermostats have been installed throughout the building, and employees are urged to exercise responsible printing practices (when printing is necessary, double-sided is the way to go). Their current average percentage of waste that goes to the landfill is 12.4%—by the end of this year, they hope to meet the Toshiba corporate global objective.

Toshiba's sponsorships also demonstrate their sense of environmental responsibility. In the past, Toshiba of Canada has partnered with Scouts Canada to provide a "Leave No Trace" environmental education program for leaders and youth and, this year, Toshiba is sponsoring the Hugh Garner Housing Co-Operative Green Roof program, providing over 70 trees and shrubs for what will be the largest residential green roof in Ontario. Toshiba employees have also organized a park clean up at Milne Park and have planted trees as part of the "Trees for Tomorrow" program in Markham.

So what does the future hold for Toshiba's commitment to the environment? Well, it appears as though they've set the bar pretty high for themselves, both internally and in their public practices. It will be interesting to see how they manage to reach these lofty goals and make new ones in the years to come.

Lowering Your Energy Bill

Electronics go environmental in this year's Toshiba lineup

It's April 22 again, and you're likely hearing the same old green tips: Use compact fluorescent bulbs. Turn off the water when you're brushing your teeth. Turn on only what you're using. But did you know that upgrading your electronics is one way you can help save the environment? We took a look at a couple of products from Toshiba's lineup to see how we can justify the purchase of some shiny new toys…

If you're in the market for a new television, you're in luck. All REGZA TVs from 2009 onward have earned the ENERGY STAR label which, in 2010, raised its requirements from the previous ENERGY STAR 3.0 to 4.0 to limit power consumption in On and Standby modes—simply put, they use less energy, which saves both money and environmental impact.

In fact, Toshiba's current REGZA lineup of 2010 LED backlit TVs use 30–42% less energy than the previous LCD series that used CCFL (Cold Cathode Fluorescent Lamps) for backlighting. As well, if you're looking to make the leap to a brand-new slimmer and lighter LED TV, you can justify your purchase with the fact that TVs with LED backlighting are mercury free, emit less heat, and are more energy efficient than their predecessors—and all current REGZA TVs contain recycled plastics from old TVs!

If it's a notebook you're after, it may interest you that Toshiba Consumer and Commercial notebooks from 2010 onwards are EPEAT (Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool) Gold and Energy Star 5.0 certified, which means that they contain reduced levels of cadmium, lead, and mercury—and they're more energy efficient and easier to upgrade and recycle.

The Portégé R600 notebook from Toshiba has an LED backlit display, the latest CPUs, and the use of a solid state drive, which translates into low energy consumption and a longer battery life. As well, the factory in which the Portégé series is manufactured recovers and recycles waste generated during the manufacturing process.

So whether you're looking for a sleek new TV that's easier on the eyes (and your energy bill) or you'd like to pick up a notebook that goes longer between charges, it looks like Toshiba's lineup this year has what you're after. And it's better for the environment. So go ahead and spoil yourself.

Recycle Your Electronics for Free

The TERRE program does the legwork for you

When non-functioning electronics are simply thrown out, they are sent to landfills where toxic elements can seep into our ecosystem and can pose a significant risk to our health and the environment. But did you know that there's a program in Canada that allows you to recycle your old products with just a few keystrokes?

Toshiba's Environmental Recovery and Recycling Effort (TERRE) is a program that will pick up your non-functioning notebook computer, projector, LCD monitor, or Pocket PC (regardless of manufacturer) and ensure that it is disposed of in an environmentally respectful manner—at no cost to you.

The components of your electronics are separated to maximize their usefulness in their next application: Plastics are recycled into useful materials such as building foundation pads, agricultural containers, and plastic lumber; circuit boards are smelted; and metal portions are reprocessed into basic commodities such as copper, aluminum, and steel.

On a global level, Toshiba is targeting the collection and recycling of 146 million pounds (73,000 tons) of e-waste in 2010. For those products that can't be reused or recycled, Toshiba will facilitate safe and proper disposal.

Simply visit ***www.toshiba.ca/terre*** *for more information and instructions on how to recycle your electronics easily and responsibly.*

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The greening of Canada

Public and private sectors working together ~ *by Alex Newman*

Green responsibility is alive and well at all government levels, says Rick Smith, director of Environmental Defence, a research and lobby group dedicated to protecting Canada's environment.

Environment Canada, for example, provides different types of incentives for businesses and homeowners who become energy and environmentally efficient. The federal government is also funding pilot projects that are creating eco-friendly transport in seven Ontario cities.

Ontario's Green Energy Act (GEA) aims to stimulate growth in clean energy while creating 50,000 jobs and upgrading building codes for energy efficiency and standards for household appliances. Alberta also supports clean energy and has launched the world's first carbon capture project. At a city level, Montreal started North America's most ambitious bike program last year, with 3,000 bikes located in 300 downtown locations!

Business echoes government initiatives. Canadian Business for Social Responsibility, for example, regularly hosts conferences such as Good Green Jobs For All. The Canadian Hotel Association's Green Key Rating program helps consumers find a green hotel. On a smaller business level, Canada's first eco-dairy – Bakerview in Abbotsford, B.C. – operates with energy efficient milking machines and an anaerobic digester that converts cow manure to gas that powers lights and heat.

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Environment Canada provides different types of incentives for businesses and homeowners who become energy and environmentally efficient

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Smith encourages consumers to help keep these types of initiatives going by supporting government policies and initiatives that protect the environmental.

What You Can Do

- Eat Local: Food raised locally tastes better, revives the local economy, and is better for the environment because it reduces fossil fuel use
- E-cycle: Divert e-waste by contacting companies that will pick up computer parts, cartridges, etc. One example: Tech Soup (www.techsoup.org). eBay's Rethink Initiative Campaign is a forum for selling old electronics
- Buy 'Energy Star' appliances and get a rebate from your provincial ministry. Also, check out federal government rebates on energy efficient items such as new windows, furnace, water heater, or alternative energy sources like geothermal or solar panels. (See Natural Resources, Office of Energy Efficiency, or the Department of Energy)
- Walk, bike, or scooter. If you must drive, consider car sharing, which reduces the carbon footprint
- Buy Green Electricity: Bullfrog Power is Canada's 100% green electricity company providing clean renewable electricity to nearly every province
- Clean Green: Use vinegar, lemon, and baking soda for cleaning; or buy one of many new 'green' products available now

By the Numbers

- *Add a ceiling fan–and cut air conditioner use by 50 percent*
- *Replace your old computer monitor with an LCD–and use 80 to 90 percent less energy*
- *Switch to an ENERGY STAR washing machine–and use 30 to 50 percent less water and 40 percent less energy*
- *Lower your thermostat by 3 degrees Celsius – and save up to $300 over five years on your energy bills*

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the way we do BUSINESS

Waste is a concern for Loblaw and for our industry. We have more than one thousand stores that generate waste in many forms, including, up until recently, millions of plastic shopping bags, most of which wound up in landfill. In 2007, we pledged to divert one billion plastic bags from landfill by the end of 2009. But that's not all we are doing. The company launched a comprehensive store-level waste diversion program with a goal of diverting 70% of waste from landfill.

A responsible approach to business is part of what we do everyday. We care about the impact of our operations and believe that Loblaw can make a difference in ways that are good for the environment and good for business.
We are committed to reducing our environmental impact by finding effective ways to divert waste from landfills. We aim to inspire and help our customers, suppliers and others to do the same.

Here are some of the targets we have been focusing on and our achievements.

GALEN G. WESTON
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN

waste diversion

Since 2007, we have been working towards our goal of diverting at least 70% of waste from our stores and distribution centres nationally from landfill.

1.3 billion
plastic bags diverted from landfill

Thanks to the tremendous response of our customers, who shared our concern for protecting the environment, we achieved our goal of diverting more than one billion plastic bags from landfill.

organic waste
used to produce energy

In 2009, we established partnerships with two companies developing biogas facilities that will convert organic waste from select stores into a renewable energy source

energy from the sun

In 2009, we participated in the Ontario rooftop photovoltaic (PV) project following the provincial government introduction of the feed-in tariff (FIT) program to encourage green energy initiatives. The program offers stable prices under long-term contracts for energy generated from renewable sources, such as bio-energy, solar PV and wind. In 2010, we will execute four rooftop photovoltaic projects in Ontario.

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In 2009, we launched a comprehensive sustainable seafood initiative; committing to source 100% of seafood from sustainable sources by year end 2013. This commitment covers all canned, frozen, fresh, wild and farmed seafood products, in all categories, private label and national brands. To help us live up to our committment, we are partnering with WWF-Canada, MSC, marine scientists, conservation experts and fisheries.

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On average, the amounts of time volunteered by women and by men were the same: 76 hours annually in 2004. **HUMAN RESOURCES AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CANADA**

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INFORMATION FEATURE

Canada's volunteers keeping Canadian business strong

Volunteering may not pay well, but for men and women across Canada, the volunteer experience brings benefits aplenty.

Case in point: Rogers TV, where volunteers comprise up to 90 per cent of the staff in community television stations like Toronto's Cable 10 (63 in Scarborough) and Ottawa's Cable 22 (23 en francais TVRogers). At these major-market stations, you'll find volunteers placing microphones, operating cameras, editing footage, and even presenting stories on-air.

Why do they do it? Some are high school students, completing co-op courses; others seek the training as part of a college diploma program, or to bolster their resumés. A few hope for future positions with Rogers TV. Many more view volunteering as a way to give back to their communities. But no matter what drives them, these people do vital work. They are needed.

"Volunteers form the nucleus of community television," says Bruce Matheson, Rogers TV's senior director of development. "Without community involvement, you're just another TV station. So our program mandate is to involve the local community in its programming as much as possible."

The community certainly likes to get involved. Toronto volunteer positions are so highly sought that Cable 10 keeps a waiting list. When those would-be volunteers are brought on-board, however, they undergo the same orientation and skills-development process as those in other markets.

All a volunteer needs is the willingness to commit and an enthusiasm for a team environment; Rogers TV provides the rest. Training starts with a single-evening overview of the television business. Once this is completed, volunteers can take workshops designed to train them in areas of the industry that interest them most. As the weeks and months go by, and volunteers gain more experience, they'll have the opportunity to move into more challenging positions.

While not all volunteers move on to paying jobs in the television industry, Matheson knows many Rogers TV employees who are products of the program—and they're better employees today because of it. As he explains, the experiences these men and women enjoyed as volunteers make them that much more prepared to train and manage the volunteers they now work with.

Just one more example of Canada's volunteers keeping Canadian business strong.

Rogers TV Durham volunteers pose with silver medalist Shelley Ann Brown.

Expanding global boundaries

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After Matt Silva graduated from Carleton University with a political science degree last year, he wasn't sure what his next step was going to be.

So he decided to apply for a volunteer internship with Students Without Borders, an initiative of the World University Service of Canada.

Since it began in 2005, SWB has placed more than 350 students from over 50 Canadian post-secondary institutions in countries like Botswana, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Malawi, Peru, Sri Lanka, and Vietnam. Students work and receive credits in programs related to health, social work, business administration and environment studies.

Silva went to Lima, Peru for four months last summer, working with the Canadian International Development Agency.

Part of his duties involved going over the paperwork to ensure the projects were aligned with CIDA's goals, then visiting project sites to ensure the projects were moving forwards as promised.

"The work experience was tremendous."
Gina Mathew, SWB

After 10 years of working as a quality assurance tester in the financial services-software field, Gina Mathew returned to school to prepare for a second career in community work.

In 2009, during her second year as a student in the community work program at Toronto's George Brown College, Mathew volunteered with Students Without Borders in Accra, Ghana as a way of combining her interest in international development and global studies with her education.

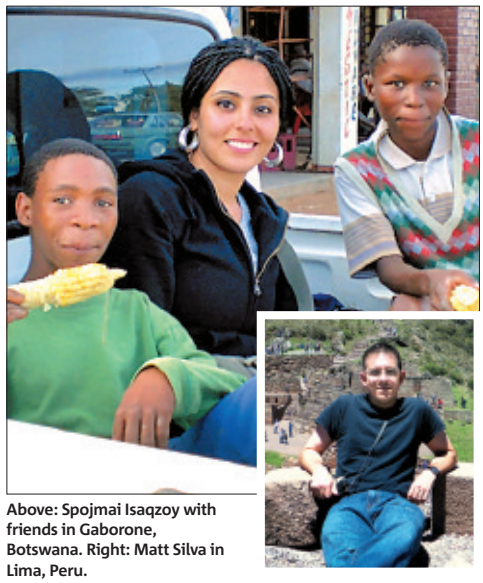
In Ghana, Mathew spent eight weeks working as a project assistant with Theatre for Change, a NGO that works with youth at risk of HIV infection. The experience helped her gain insight into the field of HIV/AIDS support and taught her how to develop a two-year project. "The work experience was tremendous," said Mathew. "It has its bumpy moments, but I learned a lot about the social (and) cultural aspects of the country and how this plays on the issue of HIV/AIDS."

Spojmai Isaqzoy wanted to do humanitarian work after she graduated with a degree in biopharmacy from the University of Ottawa.

After doing some research, she applied for an internship with SWB because the World University Service of Canada had a good reputation for training students and looking after them while in another country.

For her internship, Isaqzoy went to Gaborone, Botswana where she worked as a support worker with the Cancer Association of Botswana.

"Three months might seem like a lot, but when you are actually there and you want to do something, it's a really short amount of time," said Isaqzoy. "At the end of it, I understood that it's not in the result of something that we see success. It's in the progress of it."



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Preparing for the end of cheap oil

Noted economist, Jeff Rubin, predicting major economic changes on their way

BEN KNIGHT
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Jeff Rubin is a prominent economist with a sharp eye for oil prices. When the former chief economist at CIBC World Markets thinks ahead to 2012, he sees big changes.

COLIN MACCONNELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Jeff Rubin, former chief economist at CIBC, sees changes coming to way we import food.

"Forget the avocado salad in February in a world of $200 a barrel oil," he warns.

Rubin — who'll be taking part in a high-profile business forum at this weekend's Green Living Show in Toronto — is the author of Why Your World is About to Get a Whole Lot Smaller, an intriguing look at life in a world of declining oil supply.

"I believe in the power of prices," Rubin says. "I believe that triple-digit oil prices are going to change the way we live, and change the way our economy is structured. And while undoubtedly we'll be making a lot of sacrifices from our very oil- and energy-dependent former lifestyle, we just might find that there's more than a few silver linings in these changes."

Two hundred dollars a barrel oil will mean $7 a gallon for gasoline. Rubin predicts our lives will become more localized, with sharp reductions on international air travel.

"These flight disruptions being caused now by the volcano in Iceland — this is exactly the way it's going to be when oil is $200 a barrel," he notes. "There aren't going to be as many people flying — or airlines. Flying is going to go back to what it was in the 1960s and '70s: A pretty expensive thing that you only do for pretty special occasions. So, instead of going to Machu Picchu or the Serengeti, we'll be going to Algonquin Park."

The world is getting smaller

Rubin also foresees huge changes in what Canadians import — and from where.

"We're going to eventually go back to diets far more similar to our parents'," he says. "When I was a kid growing up in Toronto, if you wanted blueberries and raspberries in January, you went to the canned goods section. We're not necessarily going to do this to save the planet, but simply because with the transport costs associated with moving and refrigerating food around the world, we're not going to be eating lamb chops from New Zealand."

The good news? Canada's manufacturing and agricultural sectors should rebound handsomely as imported goods become prohibitively expensive. And the Canadian dollar should strengthen, as well.

"Whether we want it to or not, the Canadian dollar has become a petro currency. And the more that the tar sands becomes tomorrow's Saudi Arabia for U.S. oil consumers, the more we're going to be a petro currency. That's going to take the Canadian dollar to places she's never been. If oil goes to $200 a barrel, and we start pulling 4-million barrels of oil a day out of the tar sands, the Canadian dollar is going to be at a 20 percent premium against the U.S. currency."

So even though prices will be driven up, the stronger Loonie should offer a hedge against inflation.

"It will help," he says. "It will reduce the price of imports, but I suspect we won't be importing that much."

Rubin remains optimistic, despite the magnitude of the changes he's predicting.

"We're going to be home a lot more. We're going to become more aware of our own local environment. I'm not going to pretend that we're not going to have to make sacrifices, but I'm just saying that it doesn't have to be 2012: Apocalypse Now."

Green Living

- Jeff Rubin, Van Jones, Clara Hughes and John Bell will be among the keynote speakers at this weekend's Green Living Show — hosted at the Direct Energy Centre in Toronto.
- Samsung is offering free admission into the show in exchange for old electronics donated to their recycling program.
- Visit greenlivingonline.com for more information on the Green Living show

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Vertical farms growing up

As supplies dwindle, experts see agricultural revolution on horizon

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

The monkeys at England's Paignton Zoo love their fresh, flavorful lettuce. What the monkeys don't know is that they're agricultural revolutionaries: their food comes from Europe's first operating vertical farm.

"Our monkeys eat better than guests at five-star restaurants," Kevin Frediani, Paignton Zoo's plant curator and a former head gardener for Queen Elizabeth. "And it has no pesticides."

But humans would benefit from vertical farms, too, notes Frediani.

"Soon 90 per cent of people in the Western world will live in cities. Most of their food comes from other cities and other countries, which is unsustainable. The world is on a cusp of an agricultural revolution."

The company of the forefront of that revolution is Valcent, the maker of Paignton Zoo's farm.

10 Cities like San Francisco, Providence and Salt Lake City now plan to build farms on top of high-rises. And in 10 years, experts are predicting every major city around the world will have industrial-scale vertical farms.

"You can have vertical farms in urban warehouses, former industrial sites, deserts and high-rise buildings," says CEO Chris Bradford. "But 10 years ago nobody saw a need for vertical farms. Today there's a lot of empty real estate. And people are worried about traditional agriculture's impact on global warming."

"You can grow almost any plant vertically," explains Tim Bentley, Valcent's director of business development. "The question is if it's economically viable."

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Go Green

Urban farms finding plates to fill

Vancouverite demonstrating zero carbon farms can be profitable too

JOSEFINA SALOMON
Metro World News

Is it possible to grow food with zero carbon emissions in the city and make a living from it? Ward Teulon, an agrologist from Vancouver, not only believes the answer is yes, but is actually doing it.

Teulon's green revolution consists of a network of urban farmers responsible for growing seasonal products in their backyards or unused lands located within 5km of their own homes.

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Ward Teulon sells his produce directly from his garden and never in bags.

The idea is to use organic products, recycled tools and travel only by feet or cycle.

"I used to work in the landscape industry, seeing how people can spend hundreds of dollars to keep grass looking good in places where they could have been growing vegetables so I saw an opportunity," City Farm Boy, as Teulon calls himself, said.

"I believe these projects build communities. I know my neighbors. We get together every Thursday in my back yard picking up veggies."

The West Coaster promises his project is something anybody, anywhere can join.

"There are so many opportunities to grow food, even in balconies or small back yards," he says. "You might have a small space but even there you might be able to grow a few hundred dollars worth of peppers a year to actually afford your hobby. Urban farming can take all shapes and sizes."

"I believe these projects build communities. I know my neighbors."
Ward Teulon

City Farm Boy has been farming in Vancouver since 2006 and promises a green production chain "from seeds to the table." His vegetables are never sold in bags but straight out of the garden.

No refrigeration is needed.

Many of the vegetables are harvested with the entire root system intact to enhance quality and freshness.

His business has been growing so steadily in the past few years, his shares have even quadrupled.

The next "big thing" in urban farming, at least according to Teulon, is bees.

"The price of honey has skyrocketed. It is something that can be done in the city very easily. I have a couple of beehives in my backyard. It's just another way of growing food and cheaper than having a cat."

100,000

With the average office worker believed to take less than 30 minutes for lunch and more people trading the kitchen for the local take-away, is there still room for traditional food lovers in the urban jungle? The Slow Food movement says 'yes!' and with more than 100,000 members in over 130 cities, it seems there's hope for fans of quality food and drink. The Italian-born organization promotes the enjoyment of organic, seasonal, locally grown and well prepared meals. Members of the slow movement promote the work of local producers, linking them with potential consumers. Under a government-sponsored scheme London residents have been reclaiming fields near their homes as their own. The only condition is that land must be used to grow food.
METRO WORLD NEWS

N.Y. rooftops abuzz with new hobby

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

BEEKEEPING Guillermo Fernandez's garden is ready, the hive set up. Now the New York marketing executive is just waiting for the arrival of 50,000 bees.

"It's so soothing to see the connection between bees and flowers", explains Fernandez. "And I wanted to do something for the bees. So much of our food depends on pollination, but one quarter of US bees have died."

Fernandez joins a growing number of New Yorkers who are becoming hobby beekeepers since the practice became legal in April.

His colony of 50,000 honeybees arrives on May 8.

Other large cities, too, are bustling with the sound of bees.

"Beekeeping is going through a renaissance", notes Norman Carreck, Scientific Director of the International Bee Research Association. "People realize that without bees, we'd be without most of the interesting things we eat. And they've learned that it's perfectly possible to keep bees in urban environments, including balconies and rooftops."

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In the Bloor West Village you will see man two-storey brick homes built in the late 1800s or the first few decades of the 20th Century.

Village has old charm, livability

Bloor West Village

Spaces & **Places**

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

With plenty of character and history to its name, Bloor West Village is popular for all the right reasons.

The west Toronto neighbourhood located just northwest of High Park is a quiet Mecca of residential peace and easy living bolstered by good property values and self-contained shopping.

Rising values in the area have made it a hot property among house-flippers and investors in recent years though good values can still be found if you take the time to look.

Still close to the natural serenity of High Park but without that area's sky-high housing prices and still nearby public transit while feeling quietly residential, the Village frequently enjoys the best of many worlds.

Average property value: $448,804 **Rent:** $979.

Homes you'll see: Plenty of two-storey brick houses originally built from the late 1800s to the 1930s planted on attractive, tree-lined streets. The neighbourhood is popular with renovators too so it's not uncommon to see overhauled modern homes peppered throughout.

Bargain spot: The northern areas surrounding Annette St. are a little cheaper, with higher prices the closer you get to High Park.

Notable locations: Ravina Gardens is a large, attractive park good for dog walking built on the site of a former arena. Hidden away in the north of the area, Runnymede Hospital is nice peace of mind to have nearby. Great shopping south along Bloor Street W. and to the northeast along Dundas Street W. courtesy of The Junction.

Where to go: It's hard to find a more satisfying place to indulge your sweet tooth than at the Sweet Flour Bake Shop (2352 Bloor St. W.) where among the delectable treats you can even order cookie sandwiches — yes, that's sandwiches filled with dessert yummies like cream, planked between home-baked cookies instead of bread. You willpower is on notice. For dinner, Classico Pizza and Pasta (2457 Bloor St. W.) is a hidden gem that offers very authentic Italian dishes and a nice outdoor setting with its sizeable patio.

Education: Runnymede Jr & Sr PS (357 Runnymede Rd.), St. Cecilia Catholic School (355 Annette St.), St. Pius X Catholic School (71 Jane St.), Western Technical Commercial School (125 Evelyn Cres.)

Condos & developments: Bloor West Village Lofts (592 Annette St.)

Getting around: High Park, Runnymede and Jane subway stations along Bloor Street W. Access to The Queensway, Lake Shore Boulevard and the Gardiner Expressway to the south. Heading north, Jane Street is the best route for hitting the 401 and 400 highways.

Final word: If you're looking for a charming, livable neighbourhood that's still in easy reach of the city core, it's hard to find fault with the tree-lined streets, the well-built homes, the varied shopping and the diverse mix of people that Bloor West Village offers.

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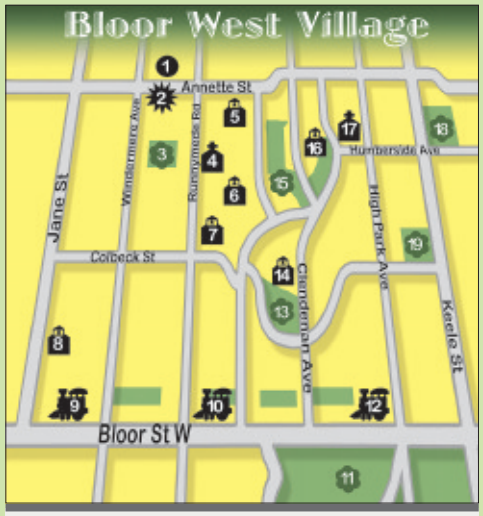
Bloor West Village boasts the brick-built Runnymede branch of the Toronto Public Library.



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- 1: Bloor West Village Lofts, 592 Annette St., Plazacorp
- 2: Shopping Area - west section of Annette Street (just past Runnymede)
- 3: Beresford Park
- 4: Runnymede United Church (Runnymede & Glenwood avenues)
- 5: St Cecilia, 355 Annette St.
- 6: Western Technical-Commercial School, 125 Evelyn Cres.
- 7: Runnymede Junior and Senior Public School, 357 Runnymede Rd.
- 8: St Pius X, 71 Jane St.
- 9: Jane Station
- 10: Runnymede Station
- 11: High Park
- 12: High Park Station
- 13: Ursula Franklin Field
- 14: Ursula Franklin Academy school (146 Glendonwynne Rd.).
- 15: Ravina Gardens
- 16: Humberside Collegiate
- 17: St. George's Church on the Hill
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An old-fashioned neighbourhood

Bloor West Village has plenty of shopping options, you don't need to go elsewhere

Bloor West Village
Spaces & Places

RICK MCGINNIS
for Metro Canada

John Kilmartin is describing an ad he recently saw in the real estate section of his newspaper, for a brand new development in a far-off suburb where they were trying to sell the attractions of an old-fashioned neighbourhood by promising to flood a bit of parkland every winter for a skating rink.

"We actually live in an area that does that," he tells me, describing an empty lot just a couple of streets over from his Bloor West Village home that's transformed into a rink every winter for as long as he can remember.

When John and his wife Glynis moved to Canada from England 30 years ago they spent time briefly in Hamilton and Oakville before friends told them to look at Bloor West — at that point a sleepy but solid area full of solid homes north of a stretch of retail on Bloor Street that was notable for its absence of bars and its emptiness after business hours.

They've lived here ever since, renting a house on the northern edge, then buying a succession of homes on streets full of well-built craftsman-style homes, built between the wars on thin but remarkably deep lots. The homes haven't changed much at all since the Kilmartins moved here, but Bloor Street has, starting over a decade ago when the "dry laws" were abolished, bars began replacing delis, restaurants got licenses, and bustling crowds became a daily reality.

There's no shortage of good reasons to live here, the say — right on the subway line, a short stroll from High Park, and in an area where condo towers or big box shopping malls would have a hard time finding a spot to build. Even the Chapters is discrete, located as it is in the shell of the old Runnymede Theatre, though the Kilmartins prefer the Book City just down the street, which has ably survived competition with the bigger bookstore — a sign of local shopping preferences.

"Coming from England, it was nice to see that you could walk down to the high street to shop," Glynis says, before they start listing favorite spots like Bloor Meat Market, in business since 1929 ("and with the same sawdust on the floor," John says.) They joined everyone else in mourning the day the Cheese Boutique moved south to a Swansea sidestreet, but were pleased when Max's, a competitor in the fine food business, expanded to fill the void, along with Queen's Pasta, which sells its homemade noodles in both a restaurant and a shop at the bottom of their street.

There's the Amber Restaurant, an old school eastern European eatery that's been there for years, and Dr. Generosity, a newer restaurant that's scored with locals with its family-friendly service and corkage fees if you bring your own wine. With the Cheese Boutique gone, the stunning local library, recently made over and expanded, became the new anchor of the strip, with its benches and nearby cafes.

With their children now away at university, the Kilmartins have been thinking of downsizing, but can't imagine leaving. "We told our friends that when you buy a house you buy into a community," John says. "They laughed, but later they told us 'you were right.'"

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Clockwise from top: The local chapters is built into the shell of the former Runnymede Theatre. John and Glynis Kilmartin love the Bloor West Village. The Amber Restaurant is a favourite of families in the area. The Bloor Meat Market has been in business since 1929.

Benevenuto condo very welcoming

Suite Talk

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

True elegance requires subtlety and vision — luckily the model suite at The Benvenuto has both in spades.

The newly minted model unit at the luxury midtown Toronto development, located at St. Clair Avenue and Avenue Road, reveals how an intelligent mix of different artistic influences can result in a glamorous look that still shows tasteful restraint.

To create a sense of understated elegance and glamour in the 1,835 square foot model suite, designer Bryon Patton and his team combined modern elements with furniture and furnishings inspired by classic designs like Art Deco and neo-Victorian allure.

"The overall theming of the suite is eclectic, a mix of chic furnishings and art. In addition to being chic and sophisticated, this is a suite that shows comfort — you can enjoy the spaces," Patton said.

Reflective surfaces are present throughout the space to add sparkle and the deliberate lack of blinds or window drapes in the main living area is meant to draw the eye outwards to the gorgeous view through a privacy-providing canopy of trees. The neutral colour choices of different tonal creams and browns also work to highlight the power of external beauty entering the space itself.

"Because the suite faces south and the rooms are flooded with light, we chose to use a richer colour scheme of chocolate, ebony and tan with accents of aqua and navy to reference the expanse of sky in the great view," Patton said.

Just as important as the look of the suite is the feel, so Patton paid special attention to combining a wealth of luxurious textures throughout to give life to the space.

"I feel that texture is more important than colour so the emphasis is on the use of chenille, ultrasuede, velvet and silk — all beautifully tactile. Colours can be trendy and you can tire of a strong colour but you never tire of a beautiful texture," Patton said.

Left: Seen here is the bedroom of The Benvenuto's model suite. Top: The living room.

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More people use internet to sell household items

Spring for many homeowners means confronting all the things that have filled up the closets, basement and garage over the past year.

As the late comedian George Carlin used to say, "Your house is a pile of stuff with a cover on it."

Getting rid of that stuff has always been tricky, especially if you hope to come away with some cash.

Today, because of the Internet and the recession, there are more options than ever for trying to sell used items.

To newspaper classified ads, garage sales and flea markets, add Facebook, Craig's List, eBay and other online trading sites.

To pawn shops and consignment shops, add an expanding array of resale stores that pay cash on the spot.

Laura Deaton Morarity, who was preparing to move recently to a new public relations job in Seattle, was a little stunned at how much she had acquired in her Cincinnati-area home after living there just four years.

"It was just a ton of stuff. My husband and I just decided, 'We're selling everything' except our clothing, books and some keepsakes," she recalled.

But in the middle of a bad winter, how do you do that quickly?

Her solution: A virtual yard sale on Facebook. She posted a photo album on the social networking site and alerted her friends and family, who also got their Facebook friends involved in the buying.

In 24 hours, Morarity sold everything she listed: Couch, chair, dining room set, loveseats, TV stand and more.

"It was really kind of shocking how fast it went," she said, adding that she priced to sell but came away with enough cash and savings on moving expenses for a head start on stocking a new home.

Tighter household budgets mean that not only are more people buying used, but they also are holding on to things longer, increasing demand for good-quality resale items.

"We are attracting more and more customers that never went to resale before," said Renae Blonigen, brand director for the Plato's Closet chain, which buys and sells used youth clothing.

"We were doing well before the recession, and that has really exploded our business."

Minneapolis-based Winmark Corp. has been opening dozens of new resale stores, including Plato's Closet, and outlets that buy and sell used children's clothing, sporting goods and musical items.

A Hollister shirt in nice condition that sold for $30 new might land the owner $5 to $7 from Plato's, which then might sell it for $13 to $15.

Kate Finger, general manager of 15 Plato's and Once Upon a Child stores in the Cincinnati area, said sales at the suburban Colerain Township store jumped 24 per cent last year after a 32 per cent rise in 2008.

But that means it needs a steady supply of more good stuff to sell, so employees try to make sure every buyer understands they can also bring their own used clothes — the chain looks for still-trendy, new-looking items — for cash on the spot.

Kate Finger, general manager for one of the Plato's Closet stores she oversees in Cincinnati. The stores buy and resale clothing items. Plato sales jumped 24 per cent last year after a 32 per cent rise in 2008.

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Decorative and faux painting is back

Elaine Griffin is crazy about stripes — in small rooms and kids' rooms, powder rooms and halls.

She also likes glazes and metallics. Stencils, too.

Decorative and faux painting is back, although in a subtler style than the Dallas and Dynasty days of the 1970s. "We overdid it then," said Griffin, a New York decorator, designer and contributor to Better Homes and Gardens magazine.

Bonnie Roberts-Burke, a real estate agent, had 24 metres of stripes painted in her 100-year-old Washington town house. They start in the living room, go up the stairs and all the way down the hallway on the second floor. "It pulls it all together," she said.

The stripes — each 12 centimetres wide — are of the same creamy blush beige colour, but alternate between satin and flat finishes. "It just makes the most interesting patterns," she said. "It changes as the light in the house changes."

Roberts-Burke said it gives the house an elegant feel. Her husband, David Burke, finds it warm and calming.

The couple hired a professional to paint their stripes. Griffin said many homeowners try decorative and faux painting themselves; "civilian painters," she calls them.

Paint and glazes can be used to create a marbled look, textured effect or a wood finish. With them, you can produce patterns that rival — or even surpass — what is available in wallpaper.

Faux painting simulates nature and makes a surface look like something else - "making a plain door look like cherry or a plain plaster column look like marble," says Tracy McGranaghan, a decorative painter with studios in Annapolis, Md.

"Decorative painting," she said, "is creating patterns and colour dimensionally on walls and surfaces."

It's not just walls that are being painted creatively. Furniture and cabinetry, even floors and ceilings, also are fair game. Meghan Carter, who runs the website AsktheDecorator.com, said painting the ceiling a colour other than white can produce a more intimate feeling, especially in rooms with "abnormally tall ceilings."

"Paint is a wonderful thing because it's instant gratification," McGranaghan said. "In a very short time, you can completely transform a space."

Faux finishes can add depth and dimension to a surface. "It's all about subtlety, not so much knock-you-in-the-head drama," she said.

It also makes the walls more durable, said Gary Lord, a decorative painter and teacher in Cincinnati. "It hides a multitude of sins and you can get it customized just for your own particular taste and colour."

That customization is key for people who choose faux and decorative painting.

Often the colour in wallpaper is just not right. Or the pattern is too big or too small. Or it repeats too often. Or maybe they're looking for a less expensive alternative to wallpaper.

For faux and decorative painting, the first step is putting on a base coat. Glazes, washes or patterns go on top of that.

There's a positive technique for applying glazes or washes: Apply the colour with a sponge, rag or other tool and leave it there. In the negative technique, you put the glaze or wash on the wall and then extract it, using a sponge or other tool.

Among the many types of faux finishes, according to Better Homes and Gardens:

Sponging: Dip a wet sea sponge into glaze and press it on the wall. The glaze also can be applied to the wall and then lifted in patterns using the sponge. It creates almost a marbleized effect.

Ragging: Press a rag against a wall in which a glaze already has been applied, removing some of the paint. This will create a textured appearance.

Strie: Move a brush vertically over a wall to created a striped effect, either applying the glaze with the brush or removing some of it as you work.

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Turning Fiats into fine furniture

This would be a car fanatic's dream room: an exhaust-pipe chandelier hanging over a crystal dining table top resting on Formula One tires.

The creations embody the identity of their designer: Lapo Elkann, an heir to the Fiat auto empire, whose latest foray into the world of design was on premiere at the Milan Furniture Show, which ended Monday.

"It's not only about automobiles. It's also the concept of recycling, which today is essential," Elkann said.

Probably no one can tap into the Ferrari tire supply chain more easily than Elkann. He's also taken shock absorbers from trucks and tanks and made them the base for side tables, with a crystal top or one of fine, wooden kite board.

Elkann's designs are being realized by the Italian company Meritalia. But this is not his first time working as a designer: He helped on the retro-chic Fiat 500 and has designed sunglasses. He also customizes his own cars.

The chandelier Wroom Wroom costs about $13,163, the dining table Roll Roll sells for $9,400 and the shock-absorbing side tables start at $1,343.

Elkann's entree into Meritalia was thanks to Gaetano Pesce, the New York-based Italian designer of whimsical furniture.

Elkann, 32, and Pesce, 70, each had a store-front window of Meritalia's central Milan store to show their creations in the hottest opening of design week, paparazzi bulbs flashing. Pesce's was a green carpet-covered sofa with brown cushions draped with oversize fabric flowers. "Fiorita," the soft, inviting sofa, starts at about $8,730.

"I thought to make a meadow where flowers have been planted, and some have already grown," Pesce said. It was the natural segue to his "Montanara" modular sofas of last year, featuring winter mountain scenes.

"It's not only about automobiles. It's also the concept of recycling, which today is essential."
Lapo Elkann, heir to the Fiat auto empire

Expect to see Pesce's vision of summer next year and fall the next.

Pesce said he saw in Elkann a creative power and did what he had done for other friends: suggested that Meritalia work with him. The pair of Italians with New York roots met in 2004 when Elkann opened a Fiat cafe at Milan's Triennale design and modern art museum.

"He translated the vitality of his family. He did not pretend to make things very elegantly. That is not interesting," Pesce said.

Also of note at the Milan furniture show:

The designing Brazilian brothers Fernando and Humberto Campana have taken inspiration from cloth dolls handmade by women in the remote Brazilian village of Esperanca for their latest creation: a white Murano glass chandelier featuring glass figures of the folkloric dolls dressed in red and black.

The white base of the chandelier, which is called "Esperanca," creates a cloud-like atmosphere, from which jut the torsos or legs of the dolls. The chandeliers are made on the Venetian glass-blowing island of Murano for Venini.While the Esperanca dolls sell for about $10 in Brazil, the chandelier is pricier - about $53,000 for a large version, $39,600 for a small. Each are in a limited series of five.

The glasswork is the second project they have made based on the Esperanca dolls, after a chair, "Multidao," that featured dozens of them sewn onto it. That chair brought the dolls national attention in Brazil, Humberto Campana said.

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Visitors sits on Bend Sofas, created by Patricia Urquoia, during the Milan International Furniture Expo, in Milan, Italy.

The brothers liked that they were helping the village, so they decided to do more. "We wanted to reproduce the dolls in glass, which was more sophisticated, more detailed,"' Humberto said.

The "Bend Sofa" by Milan-based Spanish designer Patricia Urquoia is understated and contemporary, and could fit anyone's living room, if not budget.

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Lots to learn before you buy

Professionals can help first-time buyers through the complicated process

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If you're thinking about taking the plunge into home ownership, know this: it's probably going to cost more than you think.

There are a number of costs associated with home-ownership that many first-time buyers tend to overlook. It's more than just trading in rent for mortgage payments.

In addition to a down payment and monthly mortgage instalments; transfer taxes, carrying costs, closing costs, property taxes, utilities, lawyers, realtors and other miscellaneous expenses must all be accounted for.

It's easy to see how the cost of purchasing a home is more than the price tag.

Toronto-based realtor Melanie Piche says she even tells clients to set aside a "maintenance fund" to factor into their monthly mortgage payments.

Before jumping in to the market, it's a good idea to sit down with a professional. They can offer valuable insight about affording and operating a home.

"When I was buying my first property," recalls realtor Brendan Powell, and realty brokerage partner with Piche. "I wish I had someone to walk me through it more."

According to both Powell and Piche', it's still a great climate for first time buyers. They say in the past few months, this group has been responsible for about 50 per cent of their sales.

"First time buyers can save a lot of money that others simply can't," he says.

With government incentives like the Home Buyer's Plan, First Time Homebuyers Tax Credit and Land Transfer tax refunds — plus the fact they don't have to worry about selling a home — people wanting to get their feet wet in real estate have an advantage over their counterparts who already own.

But just because the conditions are attractive, Powell and Piche says there are plenty of issues new buyers haven't considered. Plus, purchasing a home can be pretty intimidating. That's where realtors like them can help.

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"People have a lot of good questions they're embarrassed to ask. But our job is to provide the information they need to know."
Melanie Piche, Toronto-based realtor

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Title insurance, says Powell, is something condo buyers don't generally consider. After all, many building owners have taken out insurance on the building. However, explains Powell, that coverage does nothing to protect the private spaces between the hallways and the windows. It's up to the unit owner to insure the contents of the living space — and not just the jewellery and plasma screen. Everything in it — including appliances — should be covered.

New rules have mortgage brokers in demand

BORROWING The same things that are squeezing first-time homebuyers these days are creating a boom for mortgage brokers.

Jim Murphy, president of the Canadian Association of Accredited Mortgage Professionals, says brokers are in demand from first time homebuyers because of climbing interest rates and new rules that crack down on who qualifies for a mortgage.

The new rules taking effect April 19th will require buyers to qualify for a standard five-year, fixed-rate interest rate even if they plan to choose a lower-rate variable mortgage.

Meanwhile, interest rates are heading up, pushing young, first-time buyers to turn towards mortgage brokers, rather than going to their bank.

A C-M-H-C mortgage survey released last year found about 25 per cent of all mortgages in the previous year were conducted through brokers, but among purchasers aged 25 to 34, the broker share was 42 per cent.

Vancouver mortgage specialist Patrick Mulhern says the younger generation is different than their parents, and don't have the same sort of loyalty to financial institutions like banks.

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Time to decorate

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Homes in Style

Decorating your first home can be a daunting task. Especially with little left in the bank after this massive purchase.

Yet like an artist with a blank canvas before him, that new set of house keys gives you the freedom to make your new home your own, your very own palette to reflect your personality.

High design on a budget does not have to mean low quality.

There are many stylish pieces to be had that will not stress the bank account — and subsequently a new marital relationship.

"What I have found with first-time homebuyers is they are looking for good value and good quality, without having to settle for the standard catalogue piece," said Leslie Tokayer, broker at Royal Lepage Partners Realty.

"They're more savvy about where they spend their money and how they spend it, since they just spent a lot on their first home.

"They want to purchase pieces that can grow with them."

Gone are the days of student living, with stained carpets, movie posters and old-fashioned furniture hand-me-downs.

"First-time homebuyers are no longer decorating with futons, or things you can put together with an Allen key," said Tokayer, who works predominantly with first-time homebuyers. "They are no longer using their parents' old sofa. They are looking for modern and stylized pieces, art, unique pieces that will express their personality, that are functional and practical."

That new set of house keys gives you the freedom to make your new home your own, your very own palette to reflect your personality.

She says many of her clients this season are choosing dark hardwood on main floors, Berber carpeting upstairs, sectional sofas with chaise lounges and sunweave roller blinds — a contemporary theme with clean lines, compact minimalist pieces, and neutrals with an urban flair.

A classic style, yet modern with clean geometric lines make up the new spring Whisky Collection, made from 100 per cent eco-friendly birch veneer strips in rich tones of browns, reds and caramels in a matte finish. Pictured are and the Whisky Queen Bed ($1,249), Urban Barn, urbanbarn.ca.

The Taupe Iron Cage or Traditional 60-inch floor lamps in espresso finish add an inexpensive shine to a room and a stylish hue with its ivory bell shape. Walmart, $34.98, walmart.ca.

The George Eclipse is a simple and conservative first 12-piece dining set. Walmart, $39.97, walmart.ca.

Homebuyers can check out their happy reflections in the Round, Encircled Mirror with pieces of natural horn. West Elm, $79, westelm.com.

Bar stools, while traditionally used at high countertops, can be used as additional seating easily moved between rooms. The Bamba Stool is 100 per cent eco-friendly for the eco-conscious new home buyer. Available in counter or bar height in espresso or caramel finishes. Urban Barn, $199, urbanbarn.ca.

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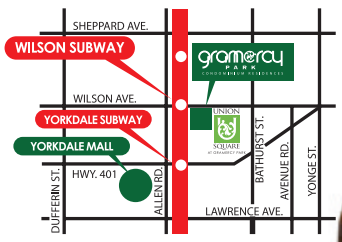

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Plenty of ways to use your balconies

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The Aeisha three-piece dinette set from Home Outfitters ($299) is a great way to maximize the small space of a balcony.

For many of us, our balcony is the only outdoor space we have. Decoration, plants and furniture can all help to create a seasonal room and expand the inside space that we have lived with all winter.

Here's a rundown of great new products that will help to create a useful and attractive place to take sun or serve an al-fresco dinner:

FURNITURE: The reality is that most balconies do not allow for regular sized outdoor lounge furniture.

I suggest buying a chair and ottoman so that you can achieve the lounge effect when they are placed together, and when separates, can act as seating for two.

Keep tables long and narrow in shape and dining chairs foldable so that they do not overcrowd the space.

One of the season's hottest small-space outdoor furniture pieces is the Aeisha three-piece dinette set from Home Outfitters ($299).

It magically melts into itself when not in use.

DESIGNER IDEA: Choose the colour of the furniture's framing to match the balcony. If it is concrete then use pale aluminum or chrome furniture so that it blends in the environment.

COOKING OUTSIDE: It's best to check with your condo board or local municipality to find out what is suitable for the type of outdoor space you have.

Many buildings ban gas grills that are not hard-wired from the balcony. In that case I suggest an electric grill.

Check out Dimplex for a good-looking, efficient plug-in electric grill that allows you to do some cooking outside (dimplex.com)

DESIGNER IDEA: A portable electrical grill means you can hide it away in your locker during the winter months so you won't have to look at it.

OUTDOOR LIGHTING: If you have an outside electrical outlet on your balcony then you are in luck!

Outdoor lights can add complete romance to an outside space no matter how small.

You can also consider an outdoor fountain which will help to drown out unwanted city noises.

DESIGNER IDEA: Use up lighting in the corners of the balcony; using them under plats will create dramatic shadows at night.

PLANTS: I am not an avid green thumb and tend to prefer a more structured landscape.

Consider artificial outdoor shrubs for a balcony — they are made to stay out year round and the good ones will never fade or wither away.

Check out Home Depot for some of the best in the city.

DESIGNER IDEA: Hang your planter boxes inside your balcony, not facing out. You will enjoy your plants and flowers more from the inside of the condo. Also, your everlasting shrubs will look fantastic filled with mini lights during the holiday season.

FLOORING: Laying cedar stripped flooring or putting outdoor carpeting down can be a great way to all warmth and colour to your outdoor space.

Look for outdoor floor tiles made of a synthetic decking product.

It will be very durable and stay out year round.

DESIGNER NOTE: Never paint a raw concrete floor before asking permission of your landlord or condo directors.

Sealing concrete can actually do damage to the concrete as it stops if from breathing to release dampness.

LAST WORDS ON BALCONY ETIQUETTE: Shut down the party noise on your patio at a reasonable hour (10 p.m. during the week and 11 p.m. on weekends).

Remember that your balcony is common space to the outside of the building, so decorate it so it also reflects the taste of the building's exterior.

Use a proper container to dispose of cigarette butts if you have smokers that use your balcony.

Using your balcony as a storage shed is often illegal and will cheapen the look of the building.

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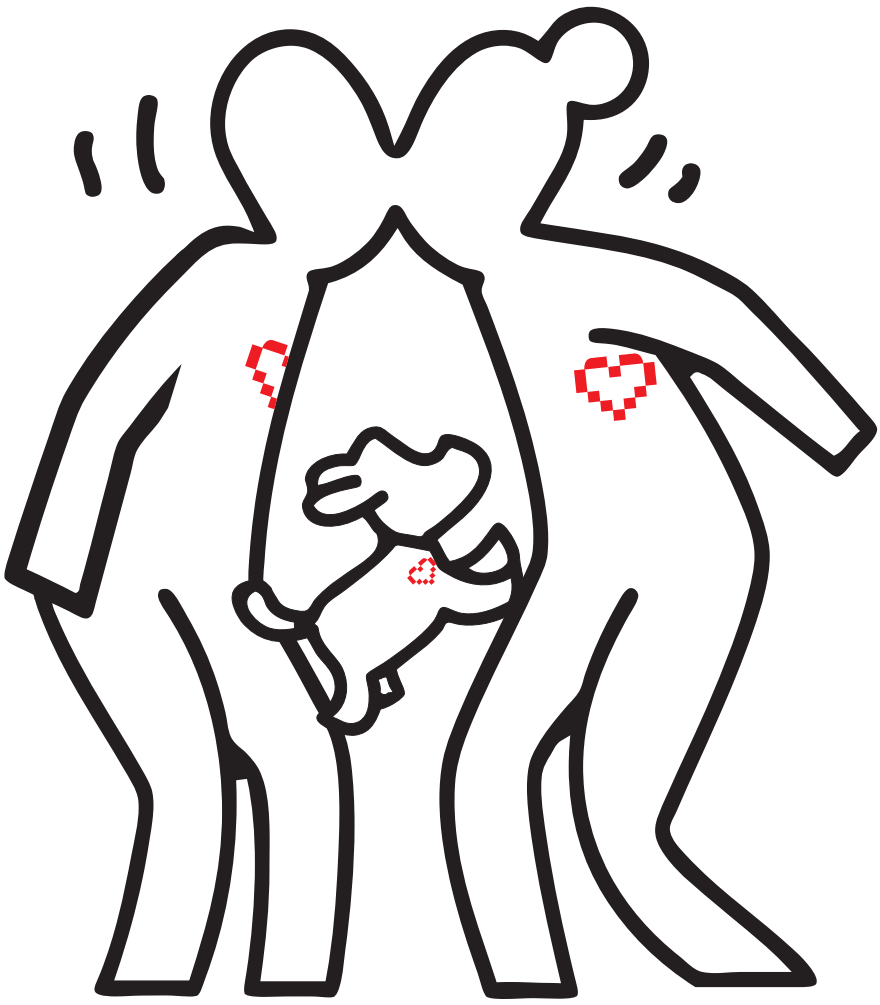

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Setting up a home can be hard

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If you've just bought your first home, I bet you're learning that the process of setting up a home can be exciting, but also a little overwhelming.

But don't fret. Focus on looking after a few important logistical details first, and then you can enjoy deciding on décor and furniture and all the other delightful stuff.

Before you move in:

- Change or re-key your locks.
- Complete a change-of-address at the post office.
- Transfer or set up new utilities.
- Purchase home insurance.
- Set up automatic mortgage payments with your lending institution if you haven't done so already.
- Ensure you have window coverings in bathrooms and bedrooms at the very least, even if they are temporary.

In those first few weeks:

- Locate the main circuit breaker in the house and label each breaker.
- Locate and know how to operate the main and other water shutoffs in your house.
- Find out how to look after your furnace and any other appliances that need regular servicing.
- Make sure you have working smoke detectors.
- You should have easily accessible fire extinguishers on each floor of the home, preferably hung on the wall near the entrance to the kitchen and near the entrance to the garage.
- Set up an annual schedule of important servicing or maintenance duties at your new home, so they are not overlooked in the years to come.
- Also have an emergency exit plan in place and make sure all family members know exit plans.
- Purchase and install a carbon monoxide detector if you don't have one.
- Write down and keep important emergency numbers close to the phone.
- Put together a first aid kit for your new home.
- Find out which day of the week is garbage/recycling/compost pickup day. Also find out the rules in your area, and make sure you buy raccoon-proofing straps if you store your garbage outdoors.
- Cut plenty of extra keys for yourself, and your family. Give one or two to trusted friends, relatives or neighbours in case you or family members forget or lose a key.
- Check out the neighbourhood and find the nearest grocery store, drugstore, walk-in medical clinic, gas station, hardware store, post office, beer and liquor store, good restaurants, fast food, parks and recreational amenities, and so on.
- Introduce yourself to your new neighbours.

Things you may need sooner or later:

- Assemble or purchase a few basic tools, like hammers, assorted screw drivers and wrenches, a hacksaw, a small drill and drill bits and a tape measure.

A stepladder and an outdoor ladder are handy. You may also want to buy assorted nails and screws, sandpaper, paper yard waste bags, plastic garbage bags and any other house repair items you think you may need regularly.

- If you've got a lawn or garden, you may also want to purchase a few gardening tools, such as assorted shovels, including a pointed-tip shovel suitable for digging, a rake, a hoe, trowels, a water hose and watering can, gardening or outdoor workgloves, a lawnmower, and an outdoor broom for sweeping off steps and porches.

Depending on how much gardening you do, a wheelbarrow can be handy as well.

A snow shovel and ice melter or salt will also be a necessity.

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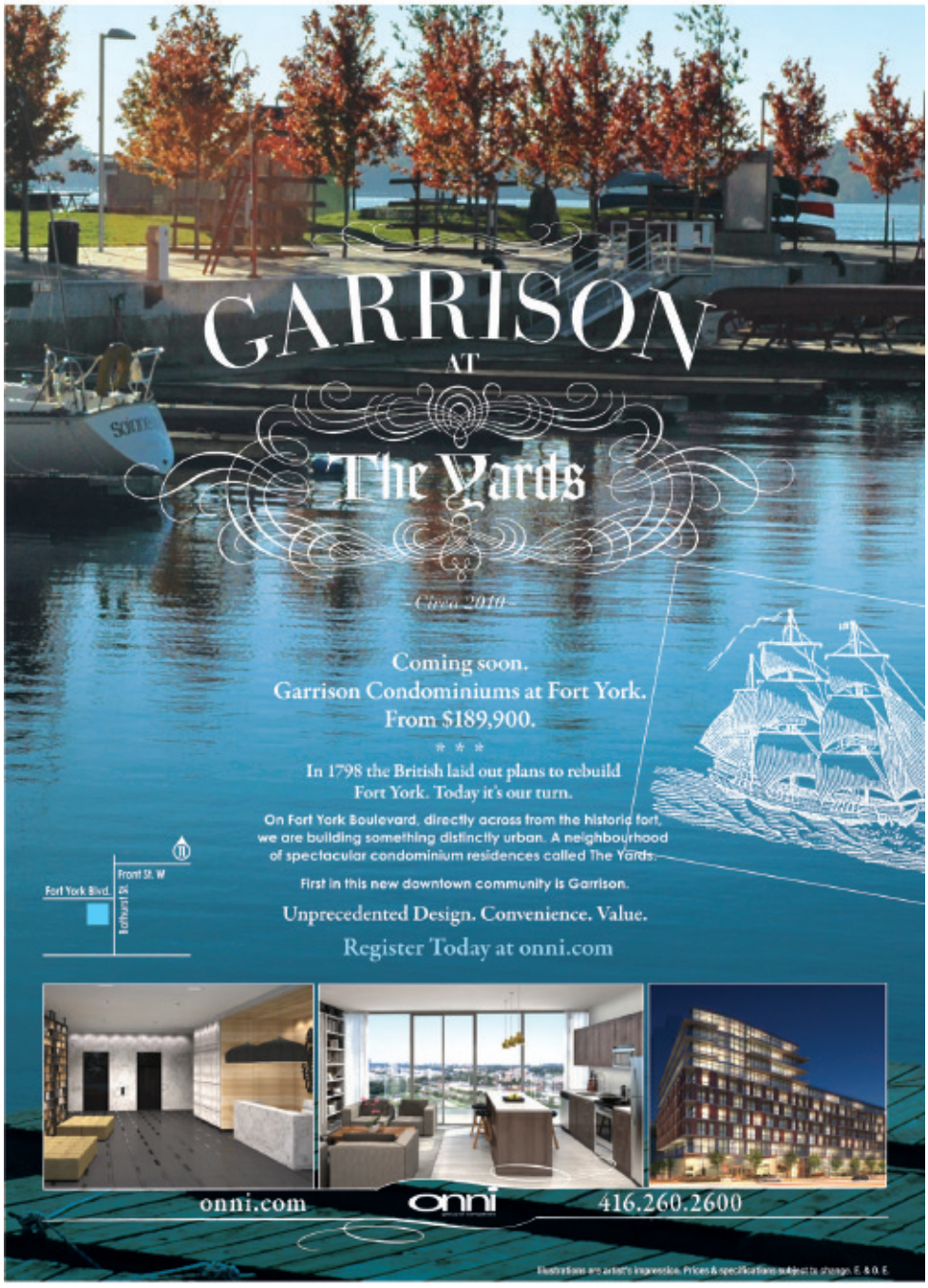

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Changing or re-keying your door locks and getting lots of copies for friends and family should be done when you buy a property.

Getting in hot water troubles

When selling make sure your lawyer knows what household equipment you own

LegalMatters

Q I sold my home over a year ago and have just recently discovered that the hot water heater that I was renting was never transferred to the purchasers and that I have been having the monthly charge taken out of my bank account. When I approached the rental company, they indicated that I should have had the contract assumed by the purchaser. I then contacted my lawyer who contacted the purchasers' lawyer. The response back was that the purchasers were not willing to sign the assumption agreement. I think that my lawyer should have been aware of this but regardless, I am still stuck paying for a water heater that I haven't had the benefit of for over a year. What should I do?

FLICKR: LOONYHIKER

Make sure you aren't paying for the rental on a water heater in a house you have moved out of.

A The first point I would like to make is that how is your lawyer supposed to know that you have a rental agreement for your water heater if you don't make them aware of this before closing. As a matter of course, we deal with the assumption of water heater contracts on closing of a transaction if our clients make us aware of this. Otherwise, we assume you own the equipment and this ownership transfers with the house. Generally, there is a clause in the Agreement of Purchase and Sale where your realtor will insert any items that are rental and in most cases the hot water heater is assumed. If this is not indicated, your realtor should be put on notice.

The second concern I have is how you could not be aware of these types of ongoing charges on a monthly basis coming out of your account for over a year? Surely, most people monitor their accounts. The problem here is that the new owner is now facing a large charge. If this problem had of been caught early on, the purchasers would probably be more likely to agree to the transfer. Faced with an ever mounting invoice, one can understand their reluctance to pay this amount.

The reality is that the purchasers have had the benefit of the hot water rental tank for over a year and should be forthcoming with payment. However, people do not always 'play fair' and you may have to proceed to a more formal forum such as Small Claims Court to have this matter addressed. Of course, hindsight is twenty-twenty but if you had of informed your lawyer that the hot water heater was a rental this could have been dealt with on the closing of the transaction.

Best of luck.

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Fashion 'made with love'

FAT celebrates its 5th anniversary with 50 eclectic collections

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Knocking down the boundaries of fashion, Toronto Alternative Arts and Fashion week is kicking off its heels — the six-inch stiletto-kind — and celebrating its fifth anniversary with designers showing more than 50 eclectic collections emoting this year's theme: Made with Love.

In fact, each day will focus on one of the emotions associated with love — longing (day 1), lust (day 2), rage (day 3) and joy (day 4).

"Fashion has no boundaries, Sometimes influence comes from the street or some other unknown location," said Project Catwalk winner and celebrity designer Jasper Garvida, who was one of the first international designers involved with the Toronto Alternative Arts and Fashion Week (FAT) in 2006. "I am a designer first and foremost, a servant to women and my art. It may be looked upon as alternative, couture, wearable, unwearable, but the essence of what I do is all about inspiring others and (to) be inspired. Alternative fashion week is full of undiscovered talent and inspiration. Therefore, it is one of the most exciting venues to be a part of."

On now until Sunday at Studio City in Liberty Village, the multi-faceted arts and fashion festival has designers showcasing edgy and expressive styles fused with arts and music in a non-traditional, interactive environment.

This year, the festival has grown to include 21 international designers from Mexico City, UK, Jamaica, USA, Latvia, Brazil, Denmark and The Netherlands. There were five when Garvida, who grew up in Canada but moved to London, first showed. It has a total of 50 designers showing 10 to 20 looks each on the runway compared to its first year, when it showed 20 designers with mini collections of two to five outfits each.

"Fashion is another form of art, as is all design, I think the lines between art and design are becoming increasingly blurred and that's exciting. It pushes things forward and it's important that we always have a platform to show off what new designers are doing," said Garvida, who showed at London Fashion Week for three seasons.

He returns to FAT with his trendy new collection, inspired by a malachite stone he saw at the Natural History Museum in London:

"To wear malachite you need to be a strong bold woman, women like those painted by (Polish artist) Tamara de Lempicka in the Deco era."

And in his new collection is the perfect dress for the leggy Avril Lavigne, which he shows at FAT.

"She has transformed so much in how she dresses and I think she looks so good in chic luxury pieces, she's got amazing legs so I'd have to put her in a mini-dress such as the Swing Dress…its perfect for her," Garvida said.

FAT closes with The Market, allowing guests to buy fresh styles hot off the runway.

Left to right: Collections showing at this year's FAT week are: Jasper Garvida design, youth.inAsia design by Joshua Shier; and construct(this) collection by Heidi Ackerman.

FAT runs until Sunday

Right: Canadian-raised celebrity designer Jasper Garvida's newest collection is inspired by a malachite stone he saw at the natural History Museum in London.

The FAT week facts

- FAT designers include: Artifice Clothing, Youth.InAsia, Rebecca Lam, Pink Lady Fashion, Paria Labina, Dewar Couture, Diepo, Fashion Whore, Heidi Ackerman, Estrella, Magpie, Kirsty McKenzie, One of Us Swimwear and more.
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Cattrall dons cancer T-shirt

Actress Kim Cattrall will be donning the famous target T-shirt as the face of the annual Fashion Targets Breast Cancer campaign. This year's Joe Fresh Style Fashion Targets Breast Cancer T-shirt will be sold at Loblaws store throughout Canada in May. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Shop girl

Christina McDowell helps clients navigate the racks

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Christina McDowell is a personal shopper at Holt Renfrew. The service is free and attracts all walks of life, including graduating students, politicians and celebrities. (Below: Personal shopping area at Bloor Street store).

Holt Renfrew's personal shopping area at the flagship Bloor store.

JORDANA DIVON
for Metro Canada

Close your eyes and imagine an enormous closet. Now picture your closet teeming with designer dresses, buttery leather jackets, rows of Jimmy Choos, and a three-way mirror with state-of-the-art lighting.

For most women, it's a fantasy. For Christina McDowell, it's just a regular day at the office.

McDowell is one of seven personal shoppers who styles the city's best dressed at Holt Renfrew's flagship Toronto store. Personal shopping and image consultation are two of the numerous services offered by the high-end chain, and figure (understandably) among its most popular.

"You're coming in to play dress-up, and you're really doing it in the eyes of an expert," says McDowell. And an expert she certainly is. Wearing a brown knit top, chunky gold jewelry, fitted slacks and a to-die-for black A.L.C. jacket, McDowell clearly walks the walk.

"It's an instinctive thing," she says. "There are experts in art, in science, in medicine. This is my expertise."

The idea behind personal shopping is to provide both male and female customers with intimate, one-on-one help in navigating the store's endless racks of merchandise. While some clients might come in to find the perfect outfit for an event, most return regularly to build their wardrobes. And contrary to popular belief, you don't need a Platinum card to make an appointment.

"Some people get intimidated, thinking they're going to have to spend at higher levels," she says of the complimentary service. "I literally have students, some just graduating from university, wanting that interview suit. I (also) have politicians, I have celebrities, and the client I just had in was a mom with three young boys who needed a dress for an event. I work within the parameters of what everyone needs."

Fashion wasn't always in McDowell's future, to which her degree in political science can attest. But while she was considering law school, the petite Toronto native took a sartorial detour. After starting her own image consulting business, she was recruited by Holt Renfrew to join their revamped personal shopping department.

"A lot of people say they love fashion, but it was much more than that," she explains. "It was just this idea that I could anticipate and see what (others) would look best in…it's pulling the whole look together and having that person say, 'Wow! I can't believe the difference.' A complete transformation."

Appointments with McDowell typically begin with a "cappuccino consultation," so named because she will sit down with the new client and get to know them. "For this relationship to work it has to be based on trust, because it becomes very intimate," she says. "You have to trust that I've got your back, that I'm going to put you out there looking your best."

After the consultation, she will pull items based on a client's individual taste, size, and budget, always offering several options along the price spectrum.

"You have to trust that I've got your back, that I'm going to put you out there looking your best."
Christina McDowell, personal shopper

McDowell, who describes her style sense as "urban chic," keeps a detailed history on all her clients so she knows exactly what to look for when they come in.

"I've done this for a number of years and really consistently almost everyone goes, 'I'm so happy!' It takes the load off you making that decision alone."

And it's seeing clients leave with lifted spirits that McDowell confirms as the biggest perk of her job. "There's a lot of negativity in this world, but when you come through these doors it's a chance to experience something positive. I love to see that."

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Tax season is coming to a close and you may have your refund money burning a hole in your pocket.

No matter how big or small your refund may have been, the mall is usually the first destination to spend that extra cash.

If you're looking for a few key pieces this spring, here are a few style ideas to keep you trendy this spring.

RefundFun

$50 Dressing up your best friend in a fine leather collar will make your dog feel like the cat's meow. For $50, you can accessorize your pet with a rugged collar with metallic bone details, available in a number of sizes from Bark and Fitz.

$125 A sexy pair of Jessica Simpson pumps from Town Shoes is a perfect way to update your favourite outfits. "This shoe is perfect with a pencil skirt and fabulous with skinny jeans," says Crissi Giamos spokesperson for Town Shoes

$350 Investing in a quality leather jacket is a great way to put your refund money to good use. Danier's men's black leather bomber jacket can carry you through from fall to spring in style. "It will instantly update your wardrobe with this season's hottest trend, leather," says Jennifer Steckel Elliot, VP of marketing for Danier.

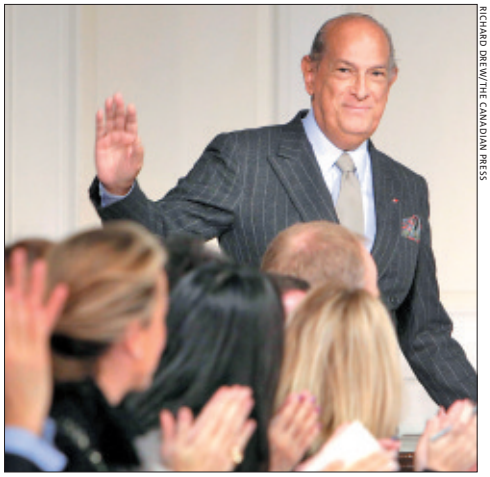
$1,000 If you want to go all out and treat yourself to the ultimate spring accessory, stop by Holt Renfrew and pick up a Michael Kors marine-blue leather tote for $1,000. With gold tone hardware, tassels and a cinched knotted top, this tote is luxury in a handbag.

Recyclable footwear

Timberland has come out with a boat shoe for men with soles made from 42 per cent recycled tires and linings made of recycled bottles and organic cotton. The Earthkeepers2.0 boat shoe sells for $120 at Town Shoes. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Retirement is not his *style*

Designer Oscar de la Renta isn't slowing down after 50-plus years in fashion



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Iconic designer Oscar de la Renta has left no area unchartered in his more than a half-century long career. His brand includes ready-to-wear, fragrances, accessories, a home collection and bridal wear.

At a stage in his life and legendary career where he could easily kick back, relax and rest on his laurels, you likely won't hear the words "retirement" or "slowing down" escape the lips of Oscar de la Renta any time soon.

"I think that every day for me is a learning process," said the 77-year-old designer in an interview at a downtown hotel last week, looking relaxed in a tailored navy suit as he sat on a lush velvet sofa.

"People ask me, `When are you going to stop doing what you're doing?' I say, `The day when I will think or say that I have learned it all, then (is) the day I should stop.'"

"Every day, there is a new challenge. I am very curious and I like to be exposed to new things and different things."

With a career in fashion spanning more than a half-century and a brand encompassing ready-to-wear, fragrances, accessories, a home collection and bridal wear, it seems there is no area that remains uncharted by the iconic designer.

De la Renta's designs have been a longtime favourite among the political and Hollywood elite, donned by the likes of former U.S. first ladies Jacqueline Kennedy, Hillary Clinton and Laura Bush and A-list actresses such as Sarah Jessica Parker and Cameron Diaz.

The Dominican-born American designer said in observing the changes in fashion over the years, one of the most notable ones from his vantage point is the evolution of the consumer.

"The woman that I'm making clothes for today is such a very different woman than the woman that I started making clothes for when I started my career," he said.

"This is a fantastic, exciting time to be dressing a woman. Never in the history of time have women been as in control of her destiny as a woman today," he added.

"Today, a woman knows that even in the workplace the powers of her femininity, dressing like a woman, feeling like a woman, it's important."
Oscar de la Renta

De la Renta said he sees the empowerment of today's women as a "tremendous source of inspiration," and noted the strides they've made transitioning into the workforce.

"It has taken men 2,000 years to (get) where we are now. To women, they have done it in the last 40 years," he said.

In the beginning, he noted that women dressed in pantsuits because "they felt that to be in a so-called `men's world,' they have to dress a little bit like a man and dress in an austere manner."

"Today, a woman knows that even in the workplace the powers of her femininity, dressing like a woman, feeling like a woman, it's important."

De la Renta said he is also excited to once again have ownership of his fragrances. In December, his company received its fragrance licence back after settling a legal dispute with L'Oreal.

De la Renta said he thinks of the fragrance as being "an invisible dress" and said he sees the association of a signature scent with an individual as an important one.

"Sometimes people have a misconception about fragrances, and they say that there should be a fragrance that you use when you play tennis, another fragrance when you go out in the morning, another fragrance when you go out at night," he said. "I think actually how a fragrance should work for a woman is that this is not my fragrance that I created - this is you. This is what you're identified with."

De la Renta said there are plans to relaunch his fragrance, Oscar, created in 1977, in addition to launching other new scents. He also didn't rule out a possible foray into cosmetics.

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PUNCHY PINK

Supercharged fuchsia screams fun!

ADVICE Hot hues add fun to any outfit, and orange, pink and red are at the top of the season's list. Fuchsia — solid or print — looks great with white, beige or soft grey. If your outfit's full-on fuchsia, finish it off with contrasting accessories in a neutral shade, like tan, caramel or black.

Fringed cotton scarf ($22, at Le Château)

Synthetic-leather flat sandals ($19.50, at Old Navy)

Cotton bag ($17.50, at Gap)

Zip-front polyester jacket, RW&CO. ($58, rw-co.com); slim cotton skirt, American Apparel ($62, americanapparel.net)

GO FOR THE LIQUID GOLD

Kiehl's fans had their names on store waiting lists before this new paraben-free serum arrived in Canada. The water-free formula is filled with active botanicals and essential oils like coriander and evening primrose to repair the skin's lipid barrier while you snooze. And for the eyes, L'Oréal Paris' latest wand comes with a strengthening, lash-sprouting serum — rich in keratin and vitamin B — that you wear under your mascara.

L'Oréal Paris Double Extend Mascara with Lash Boosting Serum ($14.95)

Kiehl's Midnight Recovery Concentrate ($48)

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In **brief**

CONTEST Contiki and Universal Canada are offering heel lovers a place to put their own favorite pair of heels on display for a chance to see their favorite female Universal artist perform live in New York City, New York or Los Angeles, California. A new online contest, "These Heels Were Made for Walking... and That's Just What They'll Do" will display pairs of the fancy footwear direct from personal closets and share them with the world. The contest runs until April 31. Entrants must upload a picture of their favourite pair of heels to the site and tell the world why they are the perfect travel companion to NYC or LA. For rules and regulations visit: TheBrokenHeelDiaries.com.

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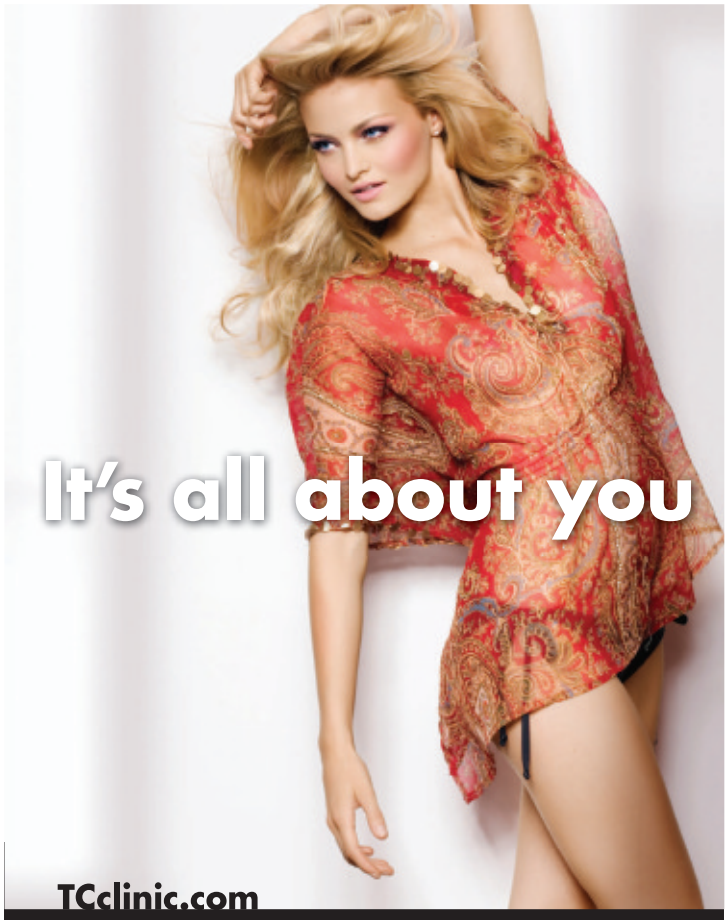

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Nimoy ready to retire

Leonard Nimoy is ready to beam into retirement. The 79-year-old actor, best known for his iconic performance as Spock on the original Star Trek, told the Toronto Sun he plans to retire from acting after his final appearance on Fringe later this season. TVGUIDE.COM

Entertainment

Celebs to wed

Carrie Underwood and Mike Fisher have set a wedding date. Sadly, though, it's "not one that we're openly talking about," she said on The Ellen DeGeneres Show yesterday. USMAGAZINE.COM

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Nikki is a star on the rise

Caribou

Album: Swim
Label: Merge Records
Rating: ●●●●

CARIBOU IS THE current alias for a Dundas, Ont., musician by the name of Dan Snaith. He's now living in London, England, where he obtained a doctorate in mathematics while building a cult-like following for his laptop musical pastiches of electronic psychedelia. A couple of years ago, he ventured into making music (mostly) with real instruments and band members. The charming alt-rock result was called Andorra and won him the 2008 Polaris Music Prize for best Canadian album of the year. His new release, Swim, merges the old electronica with new alt-rock. The wonderful effects are held together by an innate sense of rhythm that only a math master can have and Snaith's secret love for funk. Give it a chance. It's more accessible than you may think.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

AlbumReviews

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Roky Erickson With Okkervil River

Album: True Love Cast Out All Evil
Label: Anti-
Rating: ●●●●

THIS COLLABORATION BETWEEN two sets of Texans may seem unlikely, but there's strong chemistry here between 13th Floor Elevators' Roky Erickson and indie favourites Okkervil River. Some of the songs are nearly 40 years old, and Will Sheff arranges each one to suit the burnt out psych rocker's rusted, weary voice. Ranging from country twang to garage to sprawling orch pop, Okkervil River adjust their sound to match his personal tragedies. The source material is enough to warrant a listen (shock treatment, mental illness and imprisonment), but this partnership has the legs to blossom into more than just a one-off.

Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada

Nikki Yanofsky's debut album is a solid collection of jazz covers and laid-back tunes.

Nikki Yanofsky

Album: Nikki
Label: Universal
Rating: ●●●●

WHILE THE VANCOUVER Olympic anthem I Believe helped propel Montreal's Nikki Yanofsky into the spotlight, the song did a disservice to the up-and-coming singer. That bland, Celine Dion-ish track did nothing to show off Yanofsky's incredible range, fluid voice and jazz tendencies. Her debut is a solid collection of jazz covers and laid-back tunes. George and Ira Gershwin's I Got Rhythm, with it's hyperactive scatting, is perfect for Yanofsky big voice; she's not as strong on the slower tracks, such as Grey Skies, but there's no question she's Canada's next big singer.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Taylor Hawkins

Album: Red Light Fever
Label: Sony Music
Rating: ●●●●

DAVE GROHL MAY have the best sense of humour in the Foo Fighters, but drummer Taylor Hawkins isn't far behind. He named his band the Coattail Riders and on the first track of his new disc he hilariously adds a high-pitched Queen-like harmony to this riff filled hard rock track (with help from Queen's Brian May). The album is what you'd expect — loud guitars, catchy melodies, a mix of rock and pop. Unfortunately, beyond a few funny moments, there's nothing great about the record. It's all fairly even keel rock. It's not a bad side project, but he's lucky he has a secure day job.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

The Cheap Speakers

Album: The Cheap Speakers
Label: Independent
Rating: ●●

WHILE THE CHEAP Speakers are spirited, sincerity unnervingly combats with overreaching on this six-song debut. Pulling from rudimentary pop influences, musically they're akin to Sloan having a slap fight with an effeminate Foo Fighters: Wonderfully lax, jangly rhythms. Melodically however, vocals/lyrics constantly struggle to find both a point and a key, shining only via guitarist Natalia Manzocco's shorter, more direct — albeit modestly insecure — approach similar to a novice Christine McVie. She isn't used enough, however, resulting in a few great moments swallowed up by dudes striving too hard. As Ned Flanders sagely hollered, "A man can't live in good intentions." Well, nor can he listen to them.

Keith Carman/for Metro Canada

Plants and Animals

Album: La La Land
Label: Secret City/EMI
Rating: ●●●

I'VE HAD TROUBLE understanding the allure of Plants and Animals. The Polaris-nominated Parc Avenue was too indulgent for me and I couldn't get past some of their Radiohead-ish instrumentation. Fortunately, the new disc is better, though the band still needs to work on a few thing. It's louder, they employ the electric guitar more and their best tracks are here. The Mama Papa, for one, is a fantastic rock song that's crisp, short and made for radio. Tom Cruise on the other hand is too brooding, sluggish and at nearly five minutes, it gets a bit repetitive. It's a good followup, but this band still has plenty of room to grow.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

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CORRECTION NOTICE

In the Wednesday, April 21 edition of Metro Toronto the Whiteoak Ford Lincoln ad incorrectly listed a few items. The 2010 Explorer Sport Trac listing included $1000 custom cash, instead the correct listing includes $1000 no charge accessories. The 2010 Lincoln MKZ description listed 12km. The correct mileage is 12,000km.
The image of the 2010 Ford F-150 Deal of the Week was a supercab. The correct image is a regular cab.
Metro sincerely apologizes for the errors.

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Gallagher attacker gets house arrest

A man who attacked Oasis guitarist Noel Gallagher on a Toronto concert stage has been sentenced to 12 months house arrest.

Daniel Sullivan ran on stage and pushed Gallagher from behind during the Virgin Music Festival in September 2008

Gallagher suffered three broken ribs and Oasis was forced to cancel later concerts in Paris and New York.

Sullivan, a 48-year-old Pickering, Ont., contractor, had earlier pleaded guilty to assault causing bodily harm.

The conditional house arrest sentence handed down today allows Sullivan to go to work.

He is also prohibited from possessing alcohol for 12 months.

The judge, however, rejected the Crown's request to add a probationary period after Sullivan's house arrest is completed.

Daniel Sullivan pleaded guilty to assault causing bodily harm.

"Sullivan ran on stage and pushed Gallagher from behind."

Gallagher said in a victim impact statement that it felt like he'd been "hit by a bus," needed months of rehabilitation and is still in pain.

Sullivan said he was drunk and couldn't remember how he got backstage at the concert.

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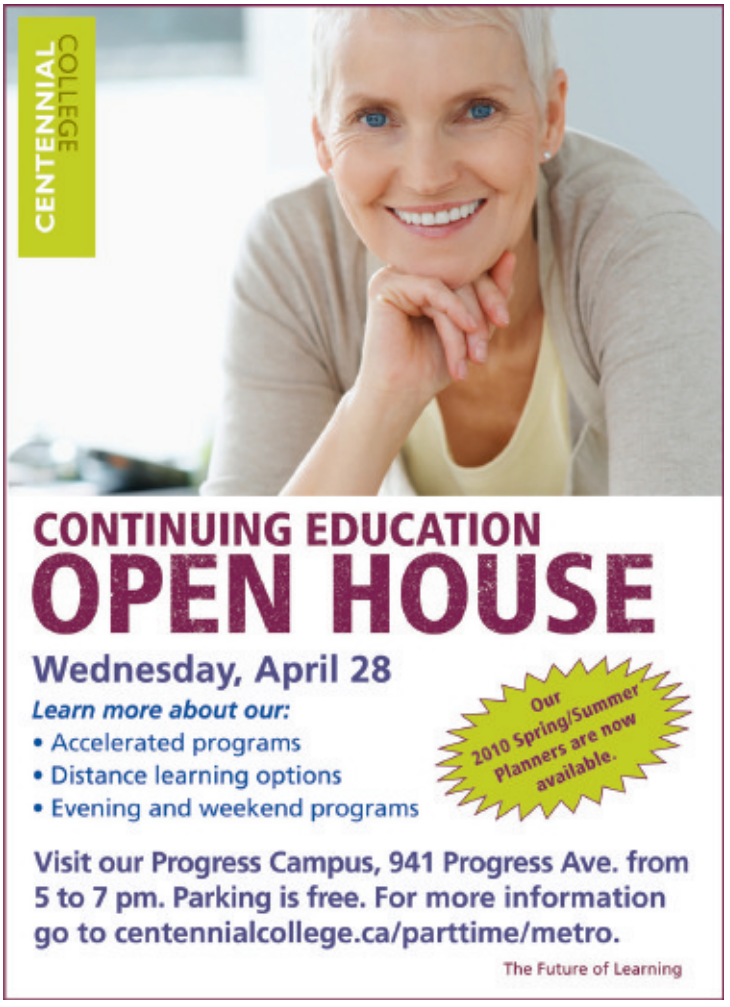

Oz prequel on the way?

It could happen, according to the LA Times, which is reporting that Disney has put a Wizard of Oz prequel on "a fast track of sorts" with Robert Downey Jr. in talks to star as the wizard, and Sam Mendes on the short list to direct. EW.COM

Message lost in sea of beauty

Disney's new documentary Oceans showcases some of the most stunning footage captured underwater.

Oceans

Directors: Jacques Perrin, Jacques Cluzaud
Stars: Pierce Brosnan (narrator)
Classification: G
Rating:

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Following the success of the last year's Earth, Disney's new documentary label has produced another mammoth non-fiction effort entitled Oceans (no points for guessing what it's about).

Shot over four years with new underwater filmmaking technology created specifically for the project, Oceans is an undeniably impressive technical achievement.

Stunning footage of sea life that was never possible to capture before will certainly thrill audiences even if the movie never amounts to more than an impressive showreel for new technology. Fortunately, it's difficult to be bothered by that too much when watching all of the extraordinary footage projected on a giant screen.

With its Earth Day release date, the film obviously offers some well-timed environmental messages about the pressing need to take better care of our environment.

Disturbing satellite footage highlighting a black polluted runoff pouring into the oceans will disgust many viewers, while Pierce Brosnan's soothing British voice spells out the dangers of these issues in no uncertain terms.

However, the film doesn't really offer any compelling argument to justify all of the political finger wagging and heart string-pulling footage of adorable animals.

The movie is merely a collection of the most impressive images a massive crew of underwater filmmakers could capture with a near limitless budget and production schedule.

The result may boast a significant "wow" factor, but it's a shame that no one bothered to come up with a concise theme or structure to give it all a clear meaning.

There is a nice message about nature conservation and the majesty of the great blue yonder to be found in Oceans. It's just difficult to determine what specific arguments the filmmakers want to impart on the viewers. The movie is aimed at children and they shouldn't mind quite so much about the questionable substance.

All they'll care about are the pretty blue images of ocean life that the filmmakers deliver for 85 minutes.

An unfocused documentary, but also an undeniably beautiful one.

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WEST END
- **Queensway:** No Passes 12-2:20-4:40-7-9:20

NORTH YORK
- **Empress Walk:** 5:20-7:30-9:40
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SCARBOROUGH
- **Coliseum Scarborough:** No Passes 12:30-2:45-5-7:15-9:30
- **Eglinton Town Centre:** No Passes 4:40-7-9:20

PEEL REGION
- **Courtney Park:** 2-4:40-7:20-10
- **Silvercity Brampton:** No Passes 4:40-7-9:20
- **Silvercity Mississauga:** No Passes 4:40-7-9:20
- **Square One:** 11:45-2-4:30-7-9:30

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- **Colossus 19:** No Passes 4:40-7-9:20
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- **Silvercity Richmond Hill:** No Passes 4:40-7-9:20

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- **Silvercity Burlington:** No Passes 7-9:20
- **Silvercity Oakville:** No Passes 7-9:20

DURHAM
- **Whitby 24:** 2:30-4:40-7-9:15

Going green at a theatre near you

Manufactured Landscapes, above, and An Inconvenient Truth are two good examples of the growing trend of eco-docs.

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

Every holiday has its canonical film, White Christmas to Halloween.

But Earth Day may be the only red-letter date on the calendar whose cinematic standard is a documentary: Davis Guggenheim's 2006 Oscar winner An Inconvenient Truth.

Whatever one's feelings may be about Guggenheim's Powerpoint-style aesthetics, his film's massive box-office success instigated a boom period for the production and distribution of environmentally themed documentaries.

"The scene has exploded," says Kathleen Murphy, the director of programming for the Toronto-based Planet in Focus Film Festival, which takes an annual survey of ecologically-minded non-fiction films (this year's edition runs Oct 13-17).

"People have always tried to make movies about these issues, but there is more interest now, and so there is also more money, and more exposure through festivals, and a bigger audience."

The audience has grown to the point where Planet in Focus has expanded to include year-long initiatives: later this month, their Mixed Greens screening series will show Tadashi Orui's new documentary The Scars of Mercury, which analyzes the fallout of chemical dumping on an First Nations community in Dryden, Ont. (the film screens on Friday, April 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gardiner Museum).

Made in Canada

Here are two documentaries with a Canadian twist. Now all you need is a solar-powered DVD player to watch them on.

- **Manufactured Landscapes:** Canadian master Jennifer Baichwal's profile of photographer Edward Burtynsky features chilling, otherworldly footage of China's ruinous Three Gorges Dam project.
- **Petropolis:** This short piece by Peter Mettler is comprised solely of abstract shots of Alberta's tar sands, images which resonates with a strange beauty

Lina Cino, a campaigner for theToronto Environmental Alliance — a grassroots organization focused on changes within the urban sphere — is a fan of many of the recent eco-docs, but says that their effect on audiences isn't necessarily galvanizing.

"With some of these films, there is a risk that people will be overwhelmed by the size of the issues being discussed," she says. "It can be paralyzing. But it's also important, and fantastic, that these films raise awareness of what's going on."

She cites Min Sook Lee's recent TIFF selection My Toxic Baby, which cast a skeptical eye on the chemical makeup of many child-care products, as an example of a documentary that understands how to get through to is audiences.

"One way to get people to change their behaviour," says Cino, "is to make it clear what the consequences may be for their children."

Kal Penn robbed

As TMZ first reported, actor Kal Penn was robbed at gunpoint in Washington, D.C., early Tuesday morning, his rep confirmed. The 32-year-old has been working in the capital for the Obama administration. EW.COM

Cameron's eco Avatar

King of global box office wants to save the world

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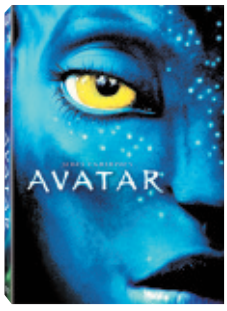

For James Cameron, green is the new blue.

The Canadian-born filmmaker stumbled upon his own Pandora — the edenic fantasy world of his megafilm Avatar populated by indigo-tinged aliens who battle humans to save their habitat — during a press tour of Brazil last month. And not unlike Avatar hero Jake Sully, Cameron joined the country's Amazonian tribes in their protest against plans to build a dam that could displace thousands of indigenous people.

"It was life changing. By a long series of events finding myself in what is like a real-life Avatar-like drama, it was pretty amazing," Cameron tells Metro over the phone from Los Angeles.

Avatar is out on DVD and Blue-ray today

The Hollywood powerhouse is currently in full eco-activist mode. The Avatar website now hosts plenty of information about environmental issues and Cameron's company will sponsor the planting of a million trees around the world. Fans of the film are being urged to help out in the green drive when they buy the DVD or Blue-ray, which go on sale today to coincide with Earth Day.

Cameron, a native of Kapuskasing, Ont., is also throwing his weight behind opposition to the controversial Athabasca oilsands project in Alberta and is openly critical of the Canadian government for not doing enough for renewable energy. He will be attending the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York this Saturday where he intends to learn more about the issue.

Despite the newfound environmentalism, Cameron remains a director at heart. He has already filmed his visits to Brazil and wants to return to the country's tribal areas to "shoot more stuff, maybe even in 3-D."

"(It will be) less about protesting the dam and more about chronicling their culture and their concerns, the way the civilized world is encroaching on them … roll that into a documentary which may have its own life separate from the DVD release and/or we may have some cut-piece that goes into the special edition DVD in November," the 56-year-old director says.

Avatar director James Cameron has turned to environmental activism ever since his visit to Brazil.

Cameron also admits that his recent experiences will probably end up influencing the Avatar sequel, for which he has already chalked up a rough story.

But as far as Cameron's approach to filmmaking goes, there's one thing that won't change — the emotional heft that underpins all his movies.

Cameron attributes the success of his films to his ability to make the audience relate to his characters and storylines. He insists that Avatar became the top-grossing film of all time because it was "firing on all eight cylinders" and not just 3-D effects.

"My films have been criticized sometimes for being simplistic. I think they operate on multiple levels. I think the surface level is very clear, so the audience is always well grounded in … what they are supposed to be feeling. As a filmmaker, I am not afraid to go for an emotional response. I think some filmmakers are. They need to be cool. I'm not afraid to be uncool," Cameron says.

Avatar: DVD and beyond

- There are no bonus features in the DVD and Blue-ray versions being released today. James Cameron says: "It takes time to generate good supplemental material. We didn't want to crash together a bunch of bogus stuff." There will be no trailers either as Cameron wanted to use every bit of disc space to preserve the film's picture quality.
- Some extra material will be available on the film's website — avatarmovie.com. Fans can access these "digital initiatives" with a code found inside their Blue-ray/DVD.
- Cameron's currently working on extra footage that was left out of the film's original cut. Cameron says: "We're taking a number of scenes and finishing them up to the level of the rest of the film. It takes time and it takes literally millions of dollars." The extended cut will be re-released in theatres in August.
- There are no plans for a 3-D DVD release yet. Cameron says there isn't enough of the technology to go around to make it a viable option.

Gravity's suicide mission

TV SHOW Eric Schaeffer likes to talk about, and dramatize, issues other people hold in isolated silence.

Such as eating disorders. That's a topic he served up brilliantly on his seriocomic series Starved. But for whatever reason, viewers didn't treat themselves to Starved during its brief run on FX five years ago.

Now Schaeffer has an even less appetizing idea for a series: suicide, and people who have given it a try.

Gravity, his offbeat new dramedy, focuses on a support group for otherwise diverse New Yorkers whose common bond is their failed attempts to end it all — and their shared urgency to try again.

The cast includes Ving Rhames as the support group's leader, a burly ex-Major Leaguer whose bungled attempt has left him in a wheelchair. Rachel Hunter plays an over-the-hill supermodel who attempted suicide after her agent proposed that she appear on a Where Are They Now? special. As Lily, Krysten Ritter is a sexy lost soul who flat-lined after scarfing down a hunk of chocolate cake she spiked with crumbled codeine tablets.

And Schaeffer plays a cop who investigates Lily's suicide attempt, then, in the guise of his continuing investigation (``suicide is a crime,'' he informs her), indulges in what seems like obsessive vigilance.

Gravity, which premieres Friday at 10:30 p.m. ET on Movie Central and The Movie Network in Canada, is funnier than it sounds. It is also cringingly twisted at times and occasionally very sad.

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Lions Gate urges rejection of Icahn's offer once again

Movie studio Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. yesterday urged shareholders to reject billionaire investor Carl Icahn's offer to buy up outstanding shares for $7 each.

The board unanimously rejected the buyout offer and said in a statement it was "financially inadequate, opportunistic and coercive."

Icahn owns nearly 19 per cent of the company's shares and has been in a year-long battle to take control of Lions Gate.

The company has noted that Icahn's previous bid of $6 per share was below $8.67, analysts' average target price for the shares. Icahn sweetened his offer last week.

Lions Gate also recommended that shareholders approve its shareholder rights plan, which would prevent unsolicited takeovers unless the owners of more than 50 per cent of unaffiliated shares agree.

A vote is set for the plan at a special shareholders meeting May 4.

Among other factors, the company said if Icahn increases his holdings above 20 per cent it would trigger a change of control provision that could cause it to default on a line of credit.

Lions Gate said Icahn's proposal to offer a bridge loan to cover the possibility of default was "another opportunistic attempt to gain control."

Icahn has attacked the company's overhead and acquisition plans, but Lions Gate said Icahn has limited experience in the entertainment industry and lacked a coherent plan to run the company.

Lions Gate, based in Canada but operated out of Santa Monica, Calif., was behind the Oscar-winning movie Precious: Based on the Novel Push By Sapphire.

It also owns the TV Guide network and made the Saw horror movies and such television shows as Weeds and Nurse Jackie.

Its mock superhero movie, Kick-Ass, debuted in first place at the box office last weekend.

In 2005, Lions Gate moved most of its operations out of Vancouver and sold its Canadian distribution rights to Maple Pictures.

However, Lions Gate has maintained a presence in the country by shooting some of its films and TV series at domestic facilities.

Recent reports have suggested that Lions Gate is in talks with Canadian officials to exit Canada and become incorporated in the U.S., where in many states it is tougher for shareholders to approve a takeover.

Icahn has said that if his takeover were successful, Lions Gate would remain a Canada corporate entity for at least five years and that at least several of his nominees to the company's newly appointed board would be Canadian citizens.

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Heritage talks

- Icahn said he hopes to open talks with Canada's heritage minister over certain commitments the company would be prepared to make in order for a takeover to receive the government's approval.

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David Letterman hits daytime
Late night will meet morning again when David Letterman drops in next week on Live with Regis and Kelly. Live officials say the CBS Late Show host will join Regis Philbin and Kelly Ripa April 30. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bryan Adams: Rock star and vegan crusader

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

Bryan Adams knows that Earth matters more than Billboard charts. For many years, the Canadian-born rock star has combined hit-making with animal rights activism, asking whaling countries to save the whales and KFC to kill its chickens more humanely. Not surprisingly, Adams is a vegan.

Q You travel a lot. What do you do when you can't find a vegan meal?

A It's usually not a problem, but it can be a bit worrying when you're in an Asian country. If you want a salad, travelling in India or Turkey can be trying. But luckily there are a billion Indians who are mostly vegetarians, so finding vegan meals isn't so hard there.

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Go Green

Q PETA nominated you as the world's sexiest vegetarian. Does being sexy help when you're trying to help animals?

A Being sexy helps when you're trying to do anything! Seriously, that is all PR nonsense. What's important … is getting people involved in helping the cause, so if that is what it takes, fine. But what's laughable is that most of the people on those lists probably eat fish and other non-vegetarian food.

Q How can our readers help chickens?

A Every day when you pick up the paper you see more and more news about the devastation of habitat and cruelty on a massive scale. I've made a conscious decision not to be part of the cycle of killing animals because I couldn't see the point of crusading for Greenpeace and then eating a fish. Seriously, if you are going to talk the talk, you need to walk the walk (become a vegetarian to stop cruelty against animals).

Q What's the most amusing thing that has happened to you while campaigning for animal rights?

A I took David McTaggert, one of the founders of Greenpeace, on tour with me. It was a mission to help create the southern Antarctic whale sanctuary. We distributed postcards at my concerts in order to persuade countries supporting the whaling industry to vote yes to the sanctuary. We succeeded and had lots of fun doing it. But in one case, the government of a small Polynesian island wrote back pleading with us not to send anymore postcards, because they couldn't handle the volume.

See more Earth Day coverage, pgs 47-49

Q You're also involved in the fight against whale hunting. What would you tell a Japanese fisherman whose family has been in this business for generations?

A I say, if you were doing (hunting) like your forefathers (did) out on the high seas with a harpoon and a sailboat, then I suppose it's understandable. But they're not… For some reason, (people) seem to think the ocean is completely sustainable and they can plunder it endlessly, and everything is edible and it will be OK.

Kitty Kelly hits T.O. with Oprah tell-all

BOOK TOUR Fresh from promoting her controversial new tome about Oprah Winfrey in "the belly of the beast" — Chicago, where the talk show maven is based — Kitty Kelley arrived in our town Tuesday to chat up Oprah: A Biography.

Winfrey has dismissed the first comprehensive book on her, as a "so-called biography," but like previous Kelley subjects Jackie Onassis, Elizabeth Taylor and Nancy Reagan, she has yet to pursue legal action.

Among the tawdry allegations Kelley culled from 850 interviews (including Winfrey's dad) over four years are a brief romance with former Entertainment Tonight host John Tesh (since confirmed by Tesh) and that teenaged Winfrey traded sex for money.

Kelley, 68, the eldest of six children of a lawyer and homemaker, lives in Washington, D.C., with her retired physician husband. The Star spoke with her at Random House Canada's King St. offices.

Q How does the writing and promotion of this book compare with your previous works?

A All of them have been difficult because I chose to write — I hate the word unauthorized, but that's what it is — not giving the subject control, or doing it according to the way they would dictate. Also Oprah, she's got so many people under confidentiality agreement. And promoting it, there were a few national shows in the United States — Barbara Walters, Larry King — that said no. I hit a celebrity wall where celebrity friends just wanted to circle the wagons.

Q How will you gauge the success of this book?

A If readers walk away and feel a little enlightened, that would be good.

Q How do you feel about criticisms of the book?

A Read the L.A. Times review. That's the one I will live and die by. The book's just been out a week, so it's the media that's taken out all the bits that they think are tantalizing, but that's not the book. The book is over 500 pages of a phenomenal woman's life … I don't set out to reveal secrets, but when you spend four years looking at someone's life you know an awful lot about them. This is somebody I want a better understanding of, for the simple reason that she's telling us how to live a better life; she's telling us what causes to support; what charities to contribute to; what politicians to vote for; what medicines to take.

> **"If readers walk away and feel a little enlightened, that would be good."**
> Kitty Kelly

Q What is your next project?

A I don't know yet. I think I'm going to follow Oprah Winfrey's example and quit on top and then try and think about reinventing myself. I'm not one of those writers that midway into one project knows what the next one's going to be. I kick back after a siege like this.

Q What about tackling your own bio?

A No! Why? My life is not half as interesting as the people I write about. Trust me.

Q What did you think of the unauthorized bio written about you (in 1991)?

A (Laughs.) Do you know there are probably more lawyers in heaven than there are copies of that thing in circulation? So, that tells you how interesting my life is. There's nothing I can do about that. "Tell the truth but ride a fast horse" is my motto.

Q What are some of your pursuits away from celebrity chronicling?

A I love walking. I read. I love to be outside. I love gardening. I grow orchids.

Q What are some of the misconceptions about you?

A I think right now dealing with the last week … yes, there are revelations in the book, but that depends on who is reading it. Some people think the two pecan pies (ordered by Winfrey from hotel room service and consumed in one sitting) is a big deal, the John Tesh thing was a big revelation to people, the prostitution was a big revelation, but to pull all those things out puts a neon yellow light on the book that is undeserved. You have to read the whole life story of Oprah Winfrey and not think this is just a tabloid mush. I feel like I have my doctoral thesis now on Oprah Winfrey. I could teach a course on Oprah.

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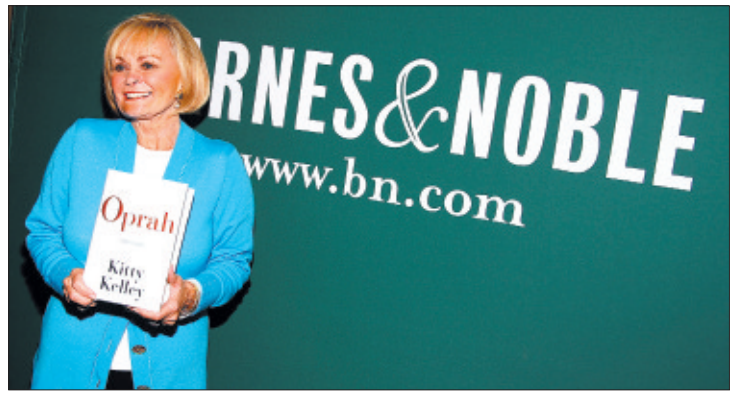

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Kitty Kelly promotes Oprah: A Biography at Barnes & Noble April 15 in New York City.

Rescue Me returns for final season

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Kate booted off Dancing

Reality TV mom Kate Gosselin has one fewer jobs to juggle.

The author and reality star was eliminated Tuesday from Dancing With the Stars, leaving seven couples in the competition.

Gosselin failed to ignite the ballroom, landing near the bottom of the judges' leaderboard during five weeks of dancing. She and professional partner Tony Dovolani came into Tuesday's results show with the week's lowest score: 15 points out of 30 for a lacklustre foxtrot.

"I think Tony could have had more life out of a frock on a coat hanger," judge Bruno Tonioli said Monday. Judges' scores are combined with viewer votes to determine which celebrity is eliminated each week.

Dovolani praised his partner as she dabbed her eyes with a tissue after learning their fate. "I give her all the credit for showing up, as exhausted as she was, she still showed up every day," he said. "You showed America it doesn't matter how much things go against you, you still come here and give it your best."

Kate Gosselin

Gosselin, a 35-year-old mother of twins and sextuplets, starred for several seasons with her ex-husband, Jon, in the hit TLC reality show Jon & Kate Plus 8. The show collapsed as the couple's marriage fell apart.

She said through tears Tuesday that she was honoured to have been on the hit ABC show.

"I love everyone that I met," she said, apologizing for being "a crybaby."

"It was a great experience," she continued. "I had a wonderful teacher."

She said that despite her low scores, she gave her best in the ballroom.

"I was scared to death most of the time to be out here," she said.

Gosselin and her ex-husband are due in court in Pennsylvania on May 25 for a hearing on his motion for full custody. Earlier this month, his attorney accused the reality mom of neglecting the children to appear on Dancing With the Stars, a charge her attorney rejected.

Gosselin is the fourth contestant dismissed from Dancing. Soap star Aiden Turner, astronaut Buzz Aldrin and actress Shannen Doherty were already eliminated.

Returning to dance on Monday's episode are singer Nicole Scherzinger, Olympic figure skater Evan Lysacek, actresses Pamela Anderson and Niecy Nash, reality star Jake Pavelka, sportscaster Erin Andrews and football star Chad Ochocinco.

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Entertainment in brief

TELEVISION David Beckham will join the ladies of The View as a guest on Monday. ABC says it will be the first time the soccer superstar has appeared on the weekday talk show. The 34-year-old midfielder is recovering from a torn Achilles tendon which he injured playing for the AC Milan while on loan from the Los Angeles Galaxy. In February, his wife, singer-model-businesswoman Victoria Beckham, co-hosted The View with regular hosts including Barbara Walters and Whoopi Goldberg.

STAGE Hal Holbrook has performed the one-man Mark Twain Tonight! shows for 56 years. Yesterday he reached a milestone on the centenary of Twain's death in Elmira, N.Y., where Twain wrote the Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.

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Sharkwater

If Michael Moore had a thing for sharks, he'd be Rob Stewart. This documentary special is the Toronto filmmaker and shark enthusiast's warning screed about the threat to the shark population posed by the demand for their fins. Shark-fin soup is a prized dish in Asia, thanks to the belief that sharks don't get sick. Breathtaking and often disturbing footage and interviews spin a dire story with implications for the environment — and us. 8 PM on DIS

The Office

A smitten Andy (Ed Helms) goes all out to make Secretary's Day memorable for Erin (Ellie Kemper), but Michael (Steve Carell) inadvertently lets the cat out of the bag about Andy's past relationship with Angela (Angela Kinsey). Oscar (Oscar Nunez) circulates a viral video comparing Kevin's (Brian Baumgartner) voice to Cookie Monster's in the new episode "Secretary's Day. 9 PM on GTV

Stewart and Colbert ink new deals

PEOPLE The late-night lineup is shifting on TV but not at Comedy Central. The cable channel has signed new deals to keep Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert.

Comedy Central said Tuesday that in separate agreements, Stewart agreed to host The Daily Show through June 2013 and Colbert will stick with The Colbert Report until the end of 2012.

Jon Stewart

The two shows air in the 11 p.m. to midnight Eastern block. The contract extensions were announced a week after Conan O'Brien said after a short stint at The Tonight Show, his home will be cable channel TBS. O'Brien, who will host a late-night show later this year that will compete with Stewart and Colbert, left NBC after the network sought to move him and Tonight to make way for Jay Leno's return to late night.

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Gourmet to go
Last week at the St. Lawrence Market (92 Front St. E.), I spotted a sampling of homemade terrines at the Viva Tastings booth — three hearty slices of various kinds for only $6. Go to vivatastings.com for info. **STEPHANIE DICKISON/ FOR METRO TORONTO**

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Their signature dishes are special tapas and paellas. To begin, creamy, crunchy Crab Croquetas and Green Mussels Tomato Diablo ($10.50/dish) come out of the kitchen quickly and superbly cooked, though the supple fresh mussels lack spicy heat.

The Paella Mixta ($45) is a combination of saffron rice cooked with fish of the day, scallops, squid, shrimp, chicken, chorizo & mussels. The fish — basa and cod — along with the other seafood is again, done to perfection. Funnily enough, it's the chicken and chorizo that's a bit overcooked.

Our server dishes out portions of the paella straight from the pan on a cart he wheels over to each table. You definitely get your money's worth here as we stumbled to finish our own plates and brought the other half home. Go old school every now and then — it's the real deal.

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Griffith opens up about addiction
Melanie Griffith entered rehab for the third time last August, and the Oscar-nominated actress has found new strength in her ongoing struggle to stay sober. "Addiction's a tough enemy to defeat," Griffith told people.com "I think of it as a monster." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Third time's a charm for Mariah

MONSTROUS EXCESS. IT'S A DIVA THING Mariah Carey is to marry Nick Cannon for a third time this month, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The couple — who originally tied the knot in 2008 — plan to renew their vows again on April 30, their two-year wedding anniversary, with the singer already demanding more expensive jewellery from her spouse to mark the occasion.

"We get married every year! That's our thing. So it's going to be our third wedding this year," Cannon said. "That's what we'll be doing on the actual anniversary... We'll do something ... a party or event, just to celebrate. This is the third ring I have to buy. It'll be something different — something good."

According to leaked details of her 2010 tour rider, the singer is just as demanding backstage as she is with her husband.

The rider specifies that Mariah's dressing room has "no busy patterns" although "black, dark grey, cream and dark pink"" are all fine, and she should also be provided with a "lamp or clip light," so harsh lighting can be turned off.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

RiRi hospitalized for mysterious ailment

AFTER HEARING UMBRELLA FOR THE MILLIONTH TIME, HER EARDRUMS SUDDENLY LET OUT A TORTURED SHRIEK, DETACHED THEMSELVES FROM HER EARS, AND RAN FOR THEIR LIVES Rihanna was rushed to the hospital in Switzerland after performing to a sell-out crowd at Zurich's Hallenstadion Arena, though why the singer needed to be hospitalized wasn't made clear, according to PopCrunch.

"Rihanna arrived at the accident and emergency unit. We're not going to give any details," a medical center rep says. After roughly two and half hours of treatment, the singer was released and was able to perform in France the next night.

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CelebTweets

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RUSSELL BRAND is trying to make sense of things, **GAYLE KING** is influenced by TV shows, and **JIM CARREY** is feeling good about himself.

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@JimCarrey In a world where 'sane' often means 'inauthentic', I'd prefer to be called madman!

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A squatter at Casa Sheen?

GOLD DIGGING?: UR DOING IT WRONG Even though she's allegedly through with her marriage to Charlie Sheen, Brooke Mueller is reportedly refusing to move out of their Los Angeles mansion.

"She has not moved out and she doesn't want to move out. She's furious and not talking to Charlie," a source says, according to Hollyscoop. Sources say Mueller is furious over reports that Sheen has been cheating on her. "They've had some crazy times together but this really hurt her."

Her brother, Scott Mueller, is coming to her defense, though, saying she is just "trying to be a good mother."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Douglas defends his son

PARENTING: UR DOING IT WRONG Michael Douglas attended the New York sentencing hearing for his son Cameron Douglas, who was sentenced to five years in prison for possessing heroin and dealing large amounts of methamphetamine and cocaine.

During the procedure, excerpts from the veteran actor's note to the judge were read, according to X17 Online. "Judge Berman, I love my son, but I'm not blind to his actions," Michael wrote. "I do believe out of this adversity he will be a positive citizen. I don't want to see him break."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Jude and Sienna stranded in LA

OF *COURSE NOT* AT THE AIRPORT WITH THE OTHER PLEBEIANS. GEEZ. Jude Law and Sienna Miller spent longer in Los Angeles than intended, as they were stranded in California while flights back to Europe were canceled due the the ash cloud from the eruption of Iceland's Eyjafjallajökull volcano. But with Heathrow Airport open again, the couple have checked out of their Beverly Hills hotel and are heading home to London where they've recently been house-hunting, according to Popsugar.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Miley ready to leave the nest

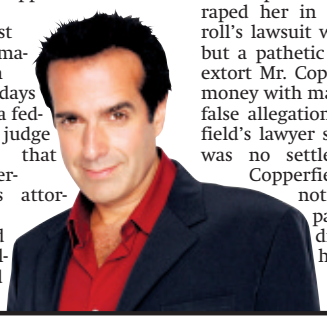
FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN OF THE CYRUS CLAN THAT'S PROBABLY IN HER BEST INTEREST While only 17 years old, Miley Cyrus is ready to live on her own, according to Radar Online. The Disney star reportedly purchased a $3.4 million last year, and renovations on 4,000-foot Spanish-style property were recently completed.

The home, which is mere steps from her parents' house, has four bedrooms, a tennis court, a swimming pool and a recording studio.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Woman drops Copperfield sexual assault charges

HE MADE THEM DISAPPEAR. *GOLF CLAPS* THANK YOU, I'LL BE HERE ALL WEEK The woman suing David Copperfield for sexual assault has dropped her case against the magician just days after a federal judge ruled that Copperfield's attorneys would be allowed to question her under oath, according to People magazine.



Lacey Carroll had alleged that Copperfield lured her to his private island and raped her in 2007. "Carroll's lawsuit was nothing but a pathetic attempt to extort Mr. Copperfield for money with malicious and false allegations," Copperfield's lawyer says. "There was no settlement. Mr. Copperfield would not and did not pay Carroll a dime to drop her lawsuit."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Shepherd's son set for pretrial program

CELEBRITY CHILDREN ARE ALL THE RAGE THIS LOCK-UP SEASON Cybill Shepherd's son, Cyrus Zacharia Shepherd-Oppenheim, will enroll in a pretrial diversion program after he was arrested in January for allegedly trying to rob sleeping passengers on an overnight flight from San Francisco to Philadelphia, people.com reports.

Shepherd-Oppenheim, whose father is Cybill Shepherd's ex-husband Bruce Oppenheim, appeared in Philadelphia Municipal Court on Tuesday, according to local reports. Prosecutors say his record will be cleared if he abides by all conditions of the program, which is designed for first-time offenders.

The law student at the University of Pennsylvania, 22, was charged with stealing a camera, cash and other items from passengers' carry-on luggage. Another hearing is scheduled for June 4.

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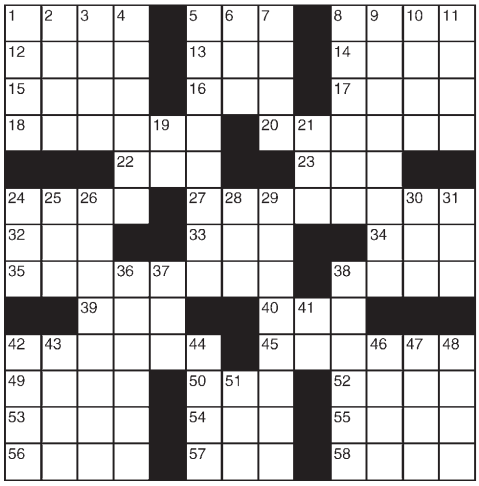

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	2						5	
	1	5		3		7	4	
3			4		8			9
		1	6		9	3		
		2	8		5	9		
2			1		6			7
	4	6		7		5	9	
	7						2	

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1 Tear in two
5 Mini-whopper
8 "Yeah, right!
12 Addict
13 Guitar's cousin
14 Cartoonist Goldberg
15 Capri or Wight
16 Born
17 Oklahoma city
18 "Simpsons" bully
20 Palm leaves
22 Firmament
23 Actor Ron
24 Needing liniment
27 Pal
32 Letter before sigma
33 Blood typing letters
34 Diving bird
35 Alternative to Szechwan
38 Unit of force
39 Conger, for one
40 Lamb's mama
42 Between — and Charybdis
45 Squealed, puppy-style
49 Castro's place
50 Once around
51 Met melody
53 Act the robot
54 Tackle the slopes
55 Standard
56 Links props
57 Feedbag tidbit
58 Keats output

DOWN

1 Destroy
2 Being, to Brutus
3 Jodie Foster movie
4 Black-tie
5 Specialized drag racer
6 Mamie's man
7 Complaint
8 Colored ring
9 Start of the "Sesame Street" theme song
10 Footnote abbr.
11 G-men
19 Fine
21 Dem.'s rival
24 Branch
25 Dance syllable
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28 Sapporo sash
29 Venture that drains one's finances
30 Scoot
31 — out a living
36 Holds up
37 Every iota
38 Historic White House middle name
41 First word of the Constitution
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44 As well
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48 TVA structures
51 Alias (Abbr.)

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7	8	9	4	6	5	2	3	1
4	2	3	8	1	9	7	6	5
6	4	7	5	9	3	1	8	2
2	9	1	7	4	8	6	5	3
8	3	5	6	2	1	9	4	7

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Potato Cakes with Leeks and Feta

Submitted by Paula Bowman

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 20 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:

1 lb russet potatoes, peeled
1/3 cup leeks, white and light green parts only, thinly sliced into half moons
1 egg, lightly beaten
1/3 cup feta cheese, crumbled
1 teaspoon kosher salt, plus more for salad
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F. Place a 12-cup non-stick muffin tin in the oven to heat.
2. Grate potatoes using the large holes of a box grater or slice into matchsticks. Toss potato with leeks, salt and pepper and transfer to a sieve set over a large bowl; let drain for about 5 minutes. Squeeze the potato mixture, a handful at a time, over the bowl to release excess moisture
3. Drain off liquid in bowl leaving any white sediment (potato starch) remaining in the bottom. Return potatoes to bowl with starch, add egg and feta and stir until thoroughly mixed. Remove hot muffin tin from oven, working carefully, and quickly spray the inside of eight muffin tins with olive oil cooking spray and fill with potato mixture, (about 1/3 cup each). Lightly spray the tops of each potato cup with olive oil spray and return pan to oven. Bake until crispy and golden brown, about 20 to 25 minutes.

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OCT 24-NOV 22
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NOV 23-DEC 21
Don't fall into the trap of acception an explanation for something just because it seems like the most rational solution.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
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JAN 21-FEB 18
Just because something that happened reecently was outside your range of experience does not give you an excuse to ignore it. Investigate it.

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WOMEN'S FASHIONS ON SALE!

50% off
***All** women's reg.-priced **Liz Claiborne®** outerwear.

Also, 40% off
***All** other women's reg.-priced outerwear.

50% off
***All** women's reg.-priced Jessica®/MD knit tops, sweaters & cardigans.

Also, 40% off
***All** other women's reg.-priced Jessica, Jessica Weekend™/MC, Buffalo® and Attitude®/MD fashions.

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Also, 55% off‡ after mail-in rebate
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35% off
***All** women's reg.-priced Tradition®/MD and Tradition Country Collection®/MD fashions.

MEN'S FASHIONS ON SALE!

36.99 Each Levi's
Men's Levi's® 505® & 550 jeans.

Also, 40% off
***All** other men's reg.-priced Levi's fashions.

40% off
Men's reg.-priced Point Zero®, Columbia®, Kenneth Cole Unlisted®, Solitude® and Axcess sportswear.

Also, 40% off
Men's reg.-priced Lee® and Point Zero jeans and UNIONBAY® fashions.

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Men's reg.-priced*
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With your purchase of $26.50 or more** get a radiant bronze look – free
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2010 ACCENT L 3DR

GL Sport model shown

SELLING PRICE $9,999♦

WHICH MEANS YOU PAY $11,530♦
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WITH 0% PURCHASE FINANCING FOR 36 MOS.◊

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Limited model shown

SELLING PRICE $11,999♦

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WITH 0% PURCHASE FINANCING FOR 48 MOS.◊

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Limited model shown

STARTING FROM $25,999♦

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DELIVERY, DESTINATION & FEES INCL. PLUS GST & PST.

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Limited model shown

Starting From $24,350♦
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Or Lease From $250** at 3.65%
Annual Lease Rate for 60 mos. with $4,320 down payment.
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